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JIMMY VENTO



Jimmy  
To be sugar sweet guy. I'm really glad we  
had the opportunity to become friends. You  
really funny. It was great going for dentures  
during class. Your motorcycle was Bitcher  
you car was pretty sad. Next year we'll try  
my car. Maybe sometime we can all go  
play ragbultball. You, Jose, Jaime(?) and  
me. Talk to you later



P.S.  
Get a  
job!

Love  
Jaime  
Valenzuela

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# MHS: the Heritage

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Jimmy.  
Will, the years  
over, I'm glad  
wire still I miss a  
Hope you have some  
great summer. Take care  
over sometime. Love  
Rachel Casquero

**e lives on . . .**

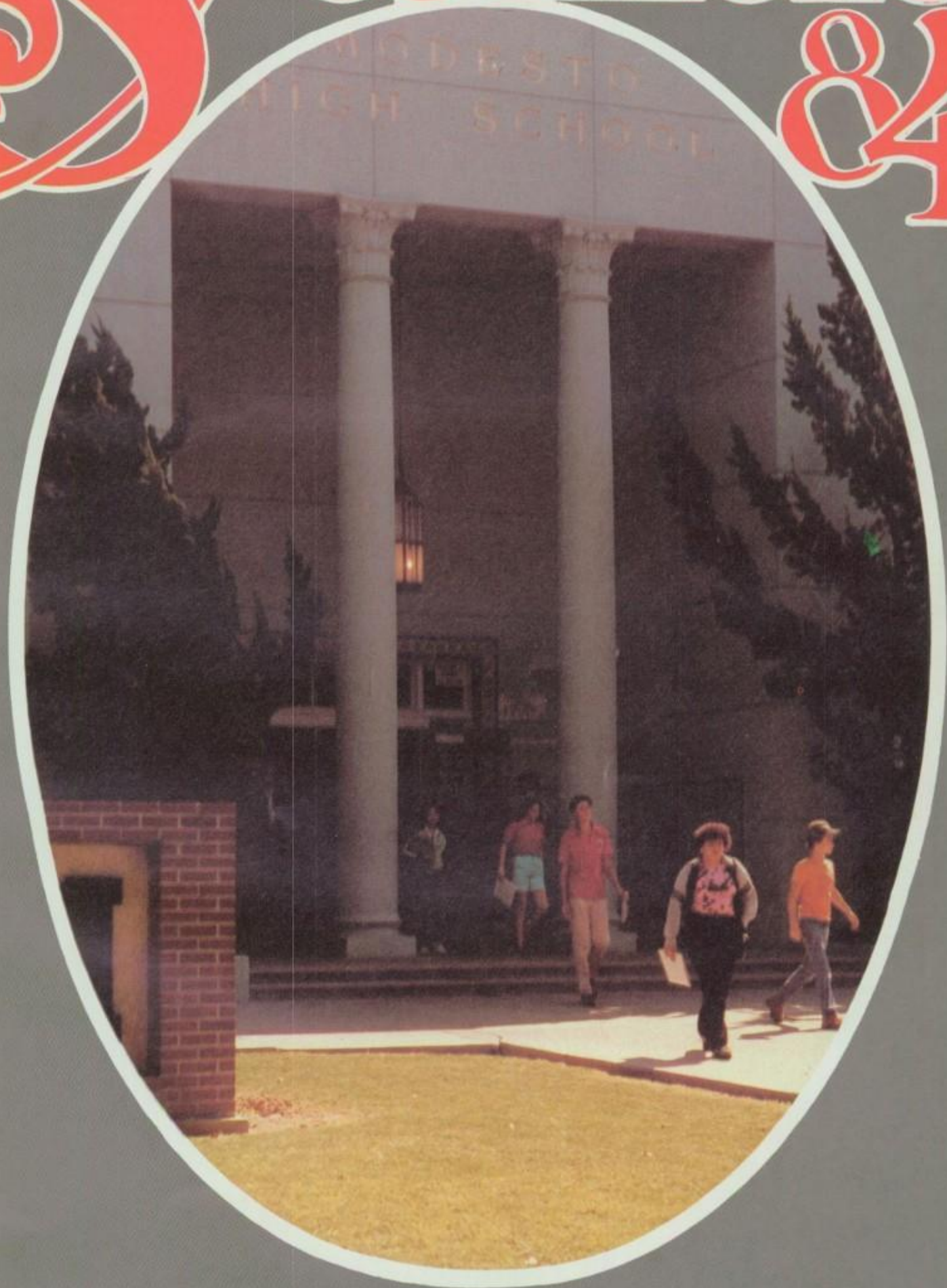
I'm so glad that you passed  
Science - Jim, hope you  
to M & S next yr. We did  
much talking 2nd period. Hope  
my hounding did some good -  
"Jim, where's your science work?"  
Should echo in your sleep -  
good week -  
m. Farley







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# Dedication

**A**lways on the students' side and ready to help out whenever asked, he involved himself in every MHS activity since coming here in 1980. From freshman to fellow council member, he was always willing to listen and give a helping hand when necessary no matter how trivial or insignificant the contribution or problem.

Witty, outgoing, charming, compassionate (not to mention being a Robert Redford look-alike), he is well-liked by almost everyone around the campus and within the community.

A native of Modesto, he received his bachelor's degree in political science from Fresno State and his master's in educational systems management from Chapman College. He taught government at Downey High School for several years, and then became a vice principal at Roosevelt and La Loma.

Since coming to Modesto High, he has become very active in school and community affairs. He was elected to the City Council in 1977, and served as vice mayor in 1981. He is currently involved in numerous committees and commissions within the community, all working for the improvement of the city of Modesto. One major activity in which he was primarily and essentially involved from the spring of 1982 until the spring of 1984 has been the MHS Centennial Committee. His contributions, often behind the scenes, were assets to the success of each centennial event during the 1983 year. His tireless efforts on behalf of Modesto High, and his willingness to involve the entire alumni community in the celebration activities were obvious factors in making the overall series of events such an outstanding accomplishment.

Despite the unbelievably heavy load of activities in which he is involved, this Number One Panther manages to keep a sound mind and a kind heart through every situation. The staff of **Sycamore 84** proudly and gratefully dedicates the 1984 yearbook to Mr. Richard Lang.

**Getting to Know You.** Spending time with students in the courtyard, Principal Richard Lang visits at noon with Charles Light, Clarence Cunha, Kelly Macy, Mathew Vaughan, Kim James, Richard Brunetti, Corey Probst, Michelle Azevedo, James Aldana, Scott Wright and Dan Devine.

**Good Morning, World!** An early morning worker, Mr. Lang greets staff and students from his office, where he has been involved in paperwork since 6:00 am.





**Look Out, Hollywood!** Mr. Lang strikes his famous Robert Redford pose in hopes of attracting a talent scout's attention.  
**All Hail to Thee.** At the Centennial Birthday Bash, Mr. Lang joins in with the crowd in

singing the Panther's most popular song.  
**The Man and His Work.** Mr. Lang confers at a City Council meeting with Frank Muratore and Mayor Peggy Mensinger.



**The Host With the Most.** Making sure the guests at the "Toast to MHS" are having a good time, Mr. Lang passes the goodies plate to Doug Hodge.

**Always on Guard.** Even when attending a Centennial event as a guest, Mr. Lang is alert to the success of the activities.

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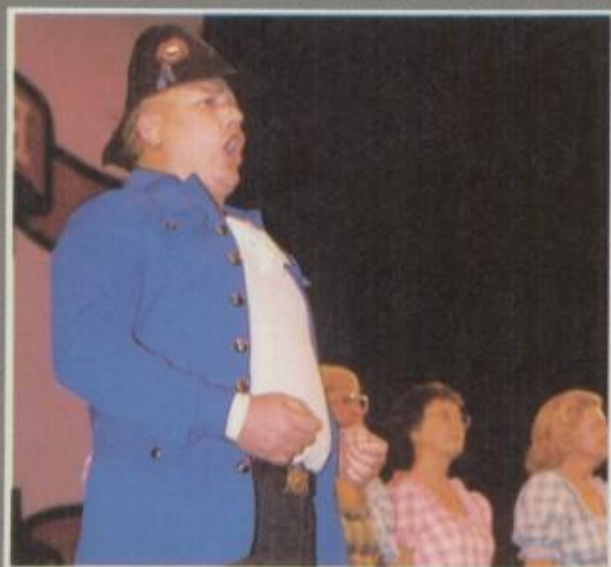
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**Pinafore.** Capturing the audience's attention, Rod Mortensen sings the Captain's song.

**The Big Brass.** Band members Eric Grimes, Jason Medeiros, and Greg Kowalewski play a musical selection in the tribute to Frank Mancini.



**Two by Two.** Dancing partners Holly Beatty and Ron Mora exhibit their ability as dancers.

**School Days.** Luis Madrigal, Gilbert Si-  
anez, Abby Williams, Jason Medeiros,  
Steve Bryant, Gabriel Pacheco, Anthony  
Presto, Nedra Cuevas, David Scarbor-  
ough, Tracey Conway, Jeremy Rector,  
and Keith Parker perform a scene from  
"Up the Down Staircase."







**Rock 'n' Roll.** Centennial dancers go back to the time of the 1950s in one of 10 numbers at the gala celebration.



**Stick 'Em Up.** Alumni member Polly Steinpress portrays Annie Oakley in a scene from "Annie Get Your Gun."

**As the Stomach Turns.** Performers Pam Ketchum, Michelle Thorn, and Helena Hannah act out a humorous skit.



## ***Panthers on Parade***

by Michelle Azevedo

One of the most exciting events of the centennial celebration was the production, "Panthers on Parade." With an attendance of over 2,000 people, it was a well-received event. This two-night extravaganza brought in \$7,000, which helped to pay for many of the free activities of the six-month celebration. The production of "Panthers on Parade" was a major achievement by the school and community. Many groups of people, working in their different areas of expertise, were needed to make it the success it was. Stated Richard Lang, MHS principal, "I feel 'Panthers on Parade' was truly one of the highlights of the centennial and a contribution to the community."

Organization is a vital part of any large production and this one was no exception. Many people donated much of their free time to the making of the show. Paul Tischer, Gary Runsten, Ken Williams, Jim Shuman, Bette Bell Smith, and Dennis Clark were all instrumental in organizing

the special events for MHS's splashiest centennial celebration.

The various acts, dances, and musical numbers were presented within the context of a 60-minute decade-by-decade slide and sound show. Conceived and produced by yearbook advisor Jim Shuman, portions of the script were written by alumnus Bob Silva and faculty member Ken Williams as well as Shuman. The slides were copies of old photographs and yearbooks, done in a professional manner by alumnus Dennie Farris, and the show was narrated by alumnus Ken Tinkle, a local radio station disc jockey known as Kenny Roberts. Shuman and Farris blended the narration with period music on the final sound track to create a saturation-level involvement in the lore and history of MHS. The slide show was later condensed to 45 minutes and presented to the student body as an assembly in May. Many of the photographs and historical data were drawn from the same sources as the booklet, "History of Modesto High School, 1883-1983,"

published in July.

The fine arts departments also did their part in making the show enjoyable. Dance had a great deal to do with the production. Instructed by Mrs. Chris Broome, members of her dance class as well as students from other schools performed dance numbers from the waltz to their own version of new wave dancing. The show's acting cast was composed of new and talented actors from Mr. Paul Tischer's beginning acting class. They performed two humorous skits, both from the book "Up the Down Staircase." The MHS band, under the direction of Gary Runsten, made their appearance marching down the aisles playing "Stars and Stripes Forever." Each of these departments was important in the making of the show.

Modesto High alumni were an invaluable asset to the production. Their eagerness to participate in the show and their enthusiasm helped the community to understand the true meaning of MHS history and how it has contributed to making Modesto High School what it is today. □



**It's Gotta Have Impact.** Author Dan McCall explains his philosophy of writing to a guest at the Literary Tea.

**Have Some More Punch.** Jackie Foret and Bette Belle Smith serve guests at the reception for James Algar.

**I Always Enjoyed Good Music.** Lynn Sutton listens as James Algar explains his work with Walt Disney at the reception following his "Evening."



## MHS honors her own

by Butch Elinburg

In honor of Modesto High's 100th birthday, a special presentation of MHS memorabilia was on display at the McHenry Museum. The Centennial Display lasted from February through the last week of June. Following the history booklet format, the display was divided into five sections and included old yearbooks ranging from 1910-1976. Many of the items for the display were hard to find because of their limited availability. Old pictures were some of the more popular items on display. They represented the change in appearance and clothing of students.

On April 16 the Centennial Committee hosted a reception for past and present teachers: "A Toast to MHS Staff." Approximately 200 teachers attended the event. While Principal Richard Lang helped serve the refreshments, the teachers and other staff members spent their time getting reacquainted or meeting each other.

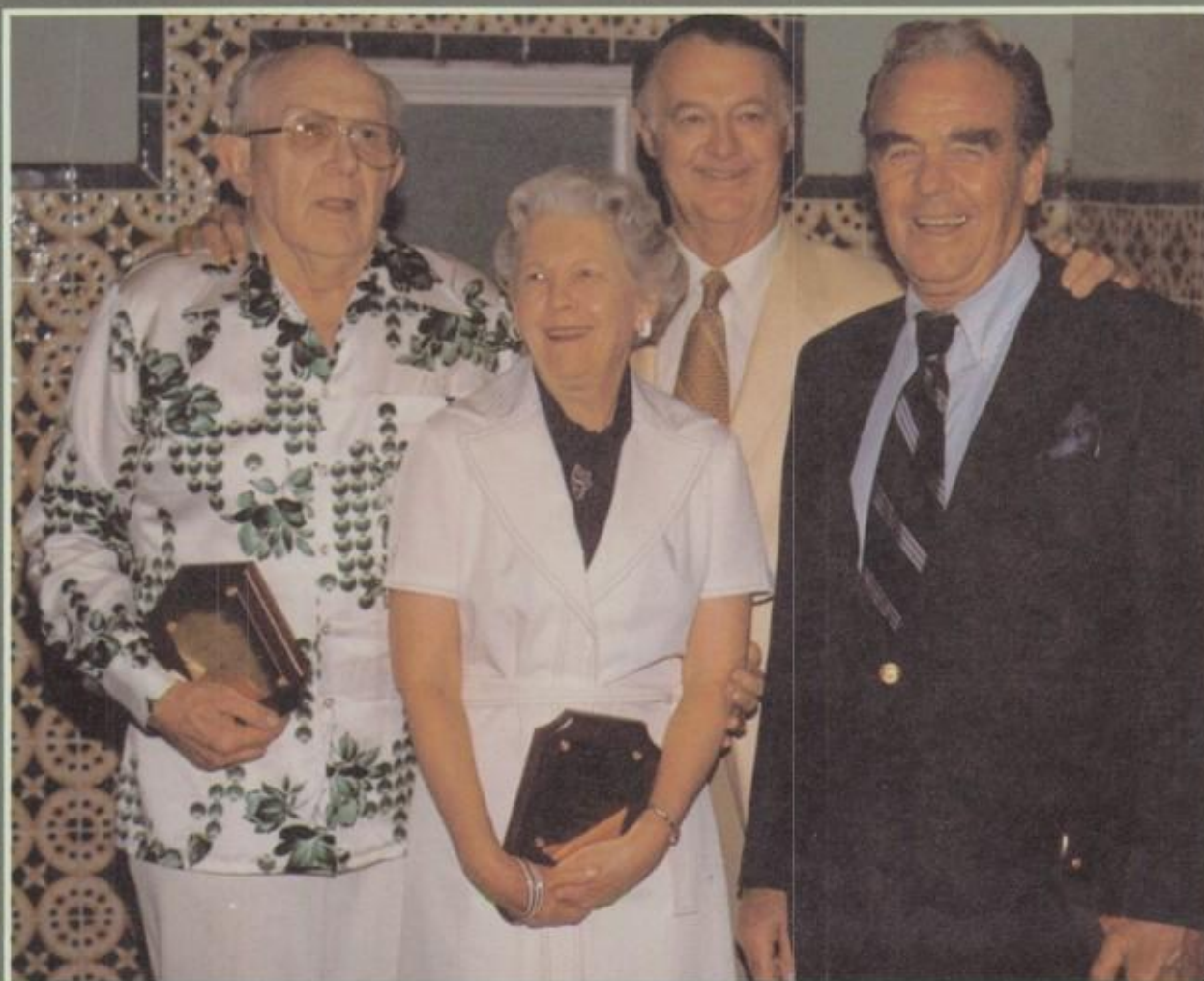
"An Evening with James Algar" was presented on May 6th in the MHS audi-

torium. A 1928 graduate, Mr. Algar is a talented artist, director, and producer who recently retired after 43 years with Walt Disney Studios. During the course of the evening he spoke of his days at MHS and the Disney Studios. Mr. Algar presented several Mickey Mouse cartoon classics and showed "The Grand Canyon," one of the true-life nature films that he directed. After the program, the audience was treated to an exhibit of some of his drawings and awards at a reception in the lobby.

On June 1st, "An Evening with Richard Bare" was presented. A retired Hollywood motion picture and television director, Mr. Bare's "West of the Rio Grande" was made while he was a student at MHS in 1929. Many of his fellow students participated in the film, and some were present to join him in his "evening." His professional directing career includes all 168 episodes on television of "Green Acres," "Lassie," and "The Twilight Zone." In 1967 he won the TV Director's Guild award for a one-hour drama called "All Our Yesterdays." □







**43 Years Later.** Director Richard Bare thanks Ray Squires, Shirley Rice Brown, and Ray Greenhill for starring in his 1930 movie, "West of the Rio Grande."

**And Then I Wrote . . .** M.C. Leonard Bartlett listens as Margaret Stimmann Branson speaks briefly of her many textbooks and distinguished educational career at the Literary Tea.



**This Looks Interesting.** Lois Wing looks over books by MHS alumni while Mrs. James Algar, James Algar, Jeanette Maino, and Franklin Beard converse with friends and guests.

**. . . Brings Back Memories.** Dan Gonzales looks at the old Sycamore display while Doug Hodge, Joan Fisher, Gene Mould, Evelyn Coleman and Molly McCart renew old friendships at the Toast.



**Friends Reunited.** Alumni and friends of MHS gather at the Hall of Fame Banquet held at the SOS Club.

**Hall of Famer.** Margaret Painter hands a Hall of Fame plaque to Bayard Wheeler, Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington.



**The Gang's All Here.** Several hundred alumni and students gather in the cafeteria to celebrate the Centennial Birthday Bash.

**A Birthday Celebration.** Marion Bradford assists Dr. John Cooper, the oldest living male graduate, in cutting the Centennial cake at the Birthday Bash.







**Hall of Fame Presentation.** Mr. Dan McCall gratefully receives his award from Mr. Ken Williams.



**The Artists' Impression.** Trace O'Laughlin, Jeff Brown and Lori Thomas enjoy the activities at the art fair.

**Autos on Display.** Paula Peeper's Camaro, one of nearly 30 entries, is handsomely displayed at the car show.



## Century Birthday Bash

by Lori Howell

**T**oward the end of the school year, centennial events came in profusion. Several activities occurred on June 1st, including the school's Open House and Birthday Party for alumni and current students, and the "Evening with Richard Bare" that evening.

Students planned and promoted a noon-time Art Faire and Car Show. Both events were popular with current MHS staff and students, giving them a real sense of participating in the swirl of centennial events. The Art Faire displayed drawings, paintings, photographs, and crafts by an estimated 250 students at MHS. The Car Show drew nearly 30 entries, and lured a crowd of more than 500 to inspect the sleek machines.

At the Open House, MHS alumni were given a tour of their alma mater by rally members, who served as guides throughout the day. The alumni visited the different classrooms until it came time for

the Birthday Party. The birthday bash took place at 3:00 pm in the school cafeteria, where a large cake was served. Dr. John Cooper, the oldest known living male graduate of MHS, cut the cake for the guests.

At the SOS (Sportsmen of Stanislaus) Club on June 3rd, twenty-nine MHS alumni were honored at the Hall of Fame dinner and awards banquet. The award winners were chosen because of their outstanding achievements. One of the honorees was Dr. Hebert McClean Evans, Class of 1900, who discovered Vitamin E. Kenny Roberts, Class of 1969, received his award in recognition for his outstanding motorcycle racing career. In 1982 he set a record of 30 pro career wins. Ernest and Julio Gallo, founders of Gallo Winery, also were recognized with awards.

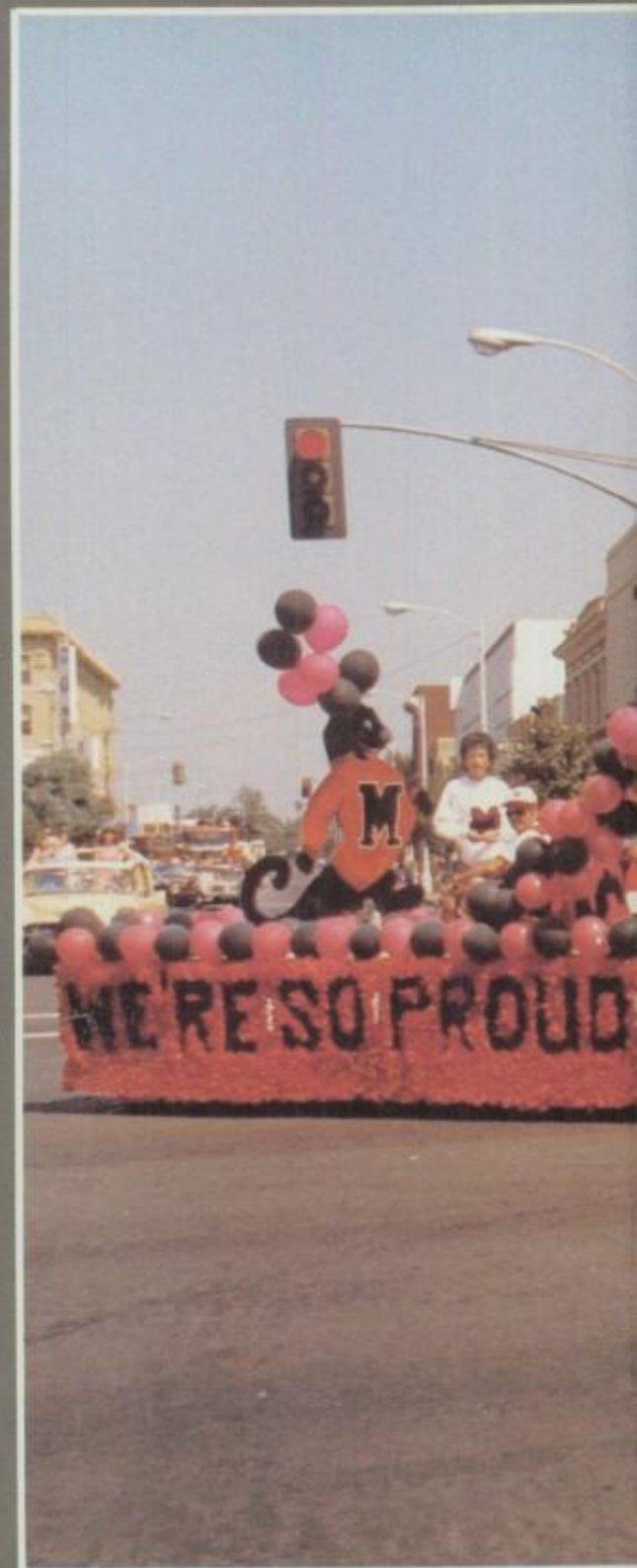
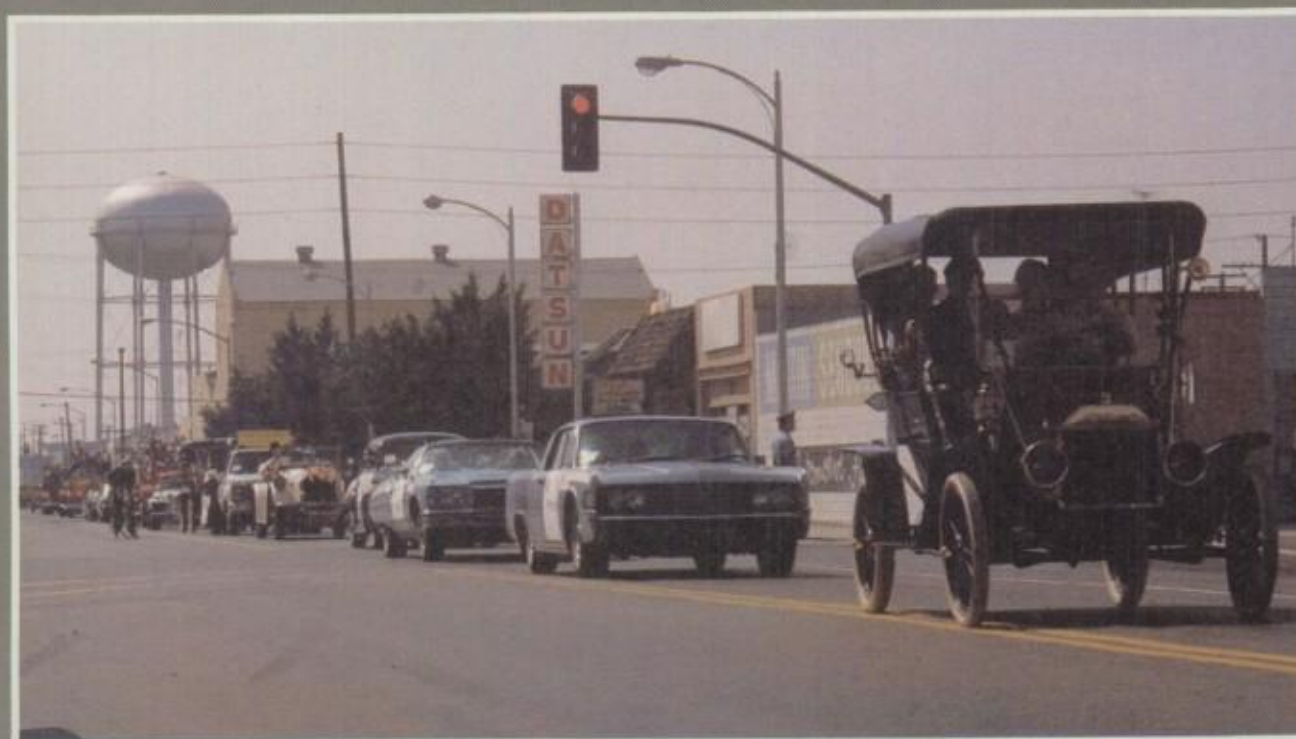
The Hall of Fame plaques were put on display in the library. There current students and future generations of Panthers will have the opportunity to see MHS alumni at their best. □



**Wanna Buy a Button?** Barbara Tibbetts and Rita Souza sell MHS memorabilia at Graceda Park after the Centennial Parade.



**Rollin' Along!** A line of cars carrying alumni representatives prepares to lead off the Parade.



## Finale: 'Salute to MHS'

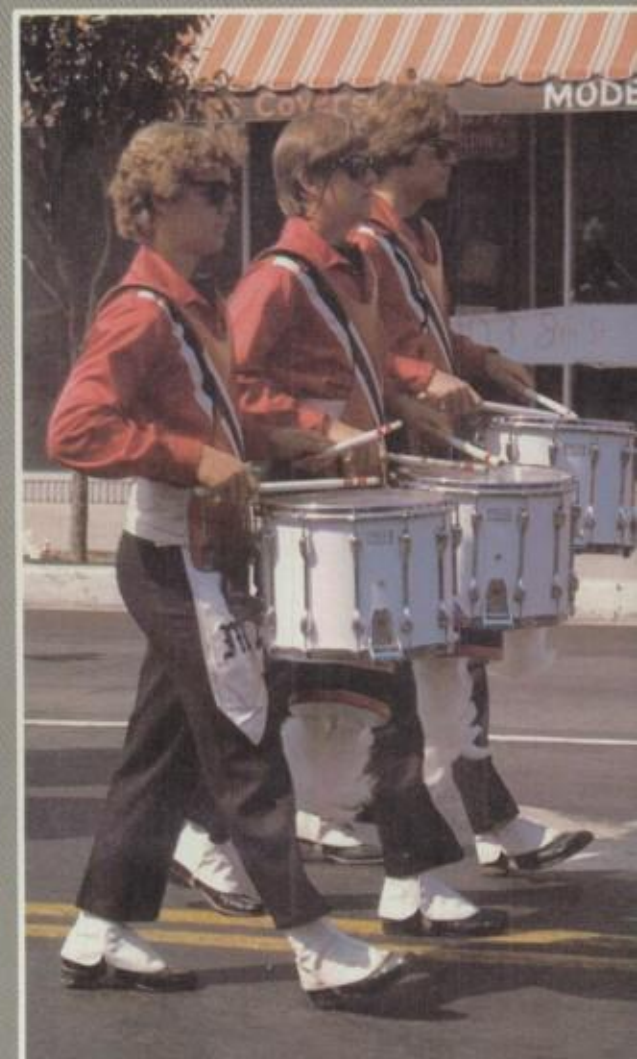
by Stephanie Frazier

**T**he Centennial Parade and Olde Tyme Festival were the last of the spring-time centennial celebration events. They both took place on June 4th. The parade lasted one and one-half hours as it traveled through town on I Street past the traditional reviewing stand on the courthouse lawn. It then proceeded to Graceda Park where the parade floats remained on display for the public.

Featured in the parade were two of MHS's oldest living graduates: Mrs. Grace Updike Jones, Class of 1909, and Dr. John Cooper, who graduated in 1911. They and other early MHS alumni rode in a variety of old-time vehicles, including the oldest motorized school bus still in existence. Four marching bands participated in the parade, including Modesto High's own award-winning band and color guard. Also included in the parade were past royalty members and some of the Hall of Fame inductees.

The procession ended at Graceda Park where the community-wide celebration continued with the Old Tyme Festival. There were many festivities going on at the park, including live entertainment every half-hour by bands who played everything from country to jazz. Various school clubs and organizations operated twenty-one booths, which sold everything from food to school memorabilia such as old yearbooks, centennial t-shirts, and a special commemorative centennial newspaper.

Popular with the older alumni was Reunion Square. In this area past graduating classes were able to get together to discuss the "good old days" and catch up on each other's lives. Different sections of the square were designated for each of the past graduating classes, where they could sign a register. Young and old alike enjoyed seeing some of MHS's graduates. Everyone there had one thing in common; pride in being part of a rare event for any community: a Centennial Celebration. □







**Red & Black Is Back!** Rounding the corner to the reviewing stand, Booster Club members display their pride in Modesto High in the Centennial Parade.

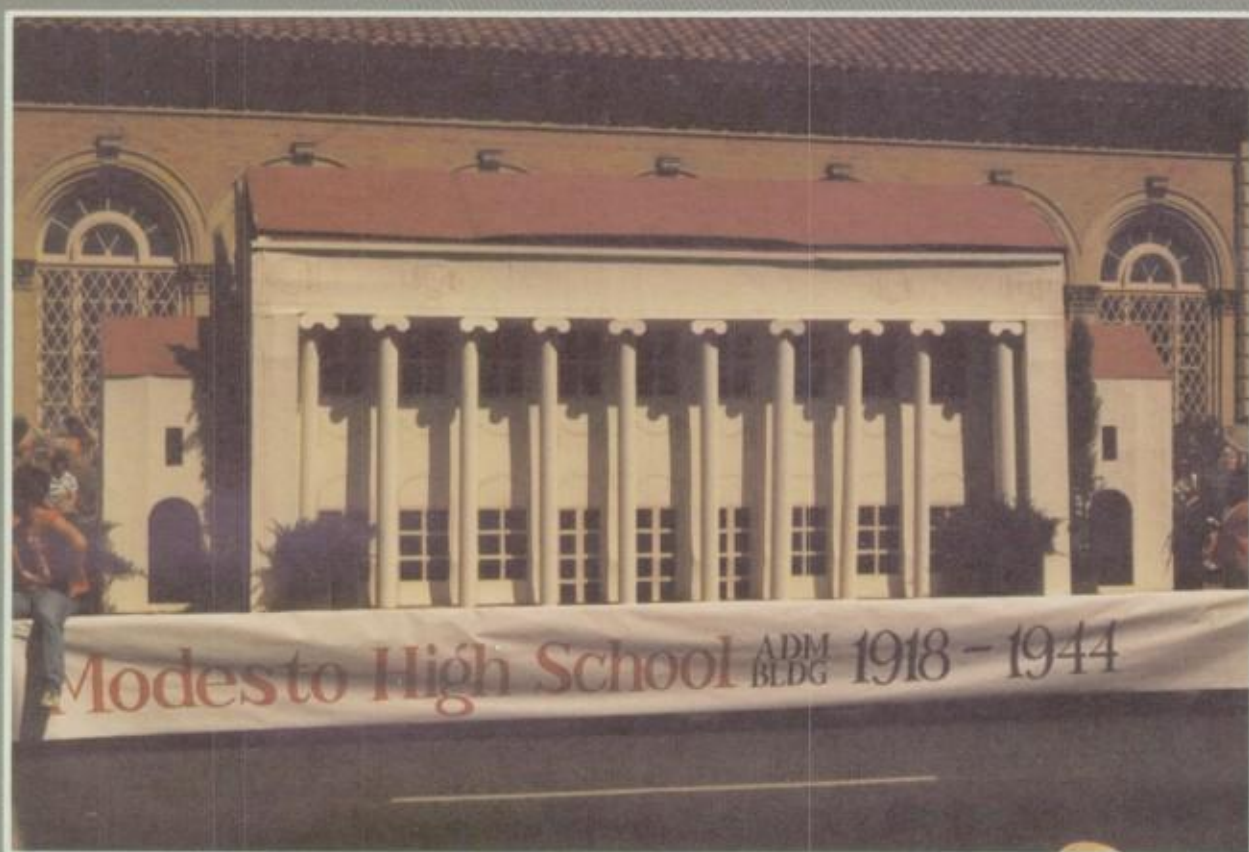
**Youth Views the Old.** Junior high students look at old MHS yearbooks on sale while wearing Panther spirit buttons.



**Pulling the Strings.** Entertaining young and old alike, a clown and his puppet perform a variety of antics at the Picnic.

**MHS in Miniature.** A small-scale version of the old administration building impresses many spectators at the 4th of July Parade.

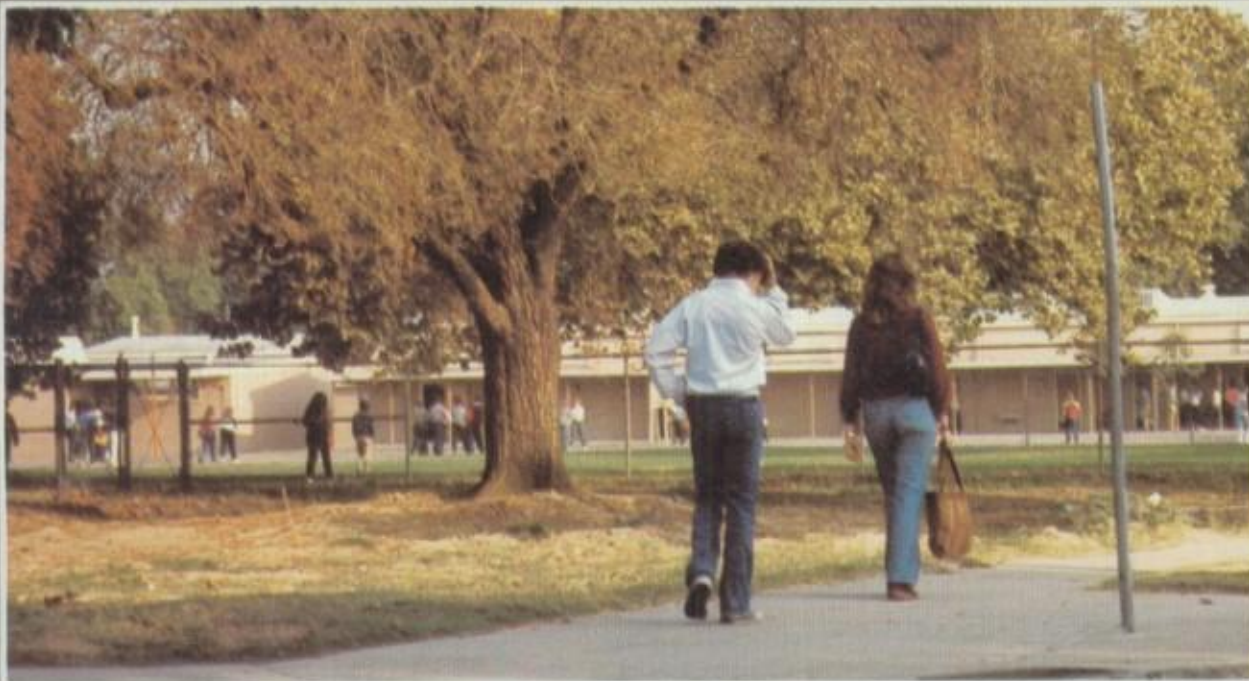
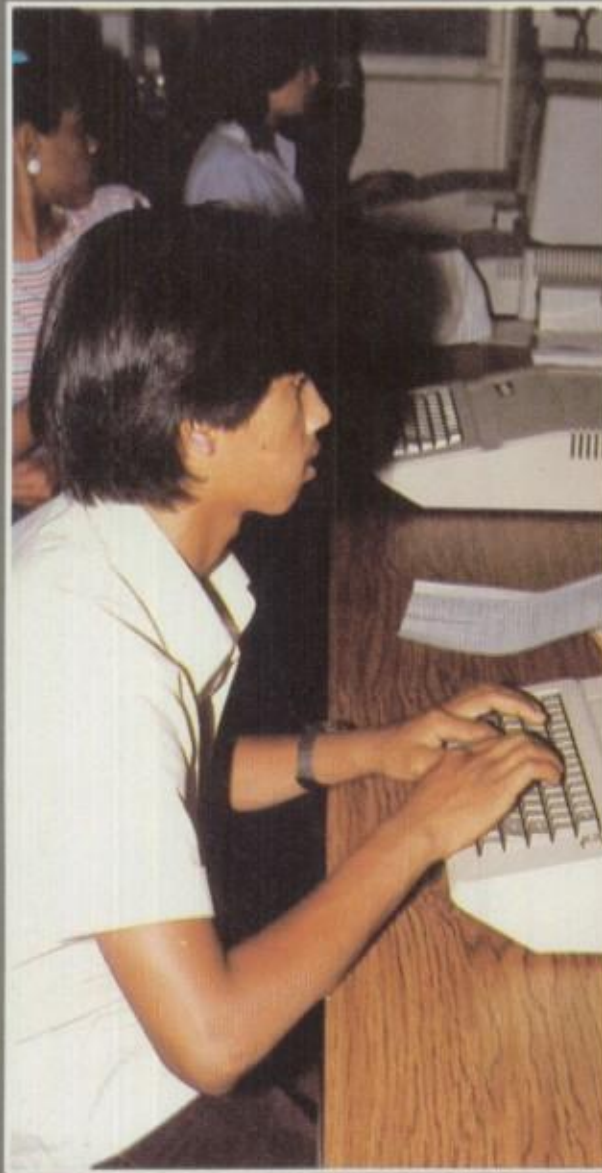
**Stepping Out!** As the MHS Band marches by, percussionists Trace O'Laughlin, Phil Cearley, and Loren Dieu keep a steady tempo.





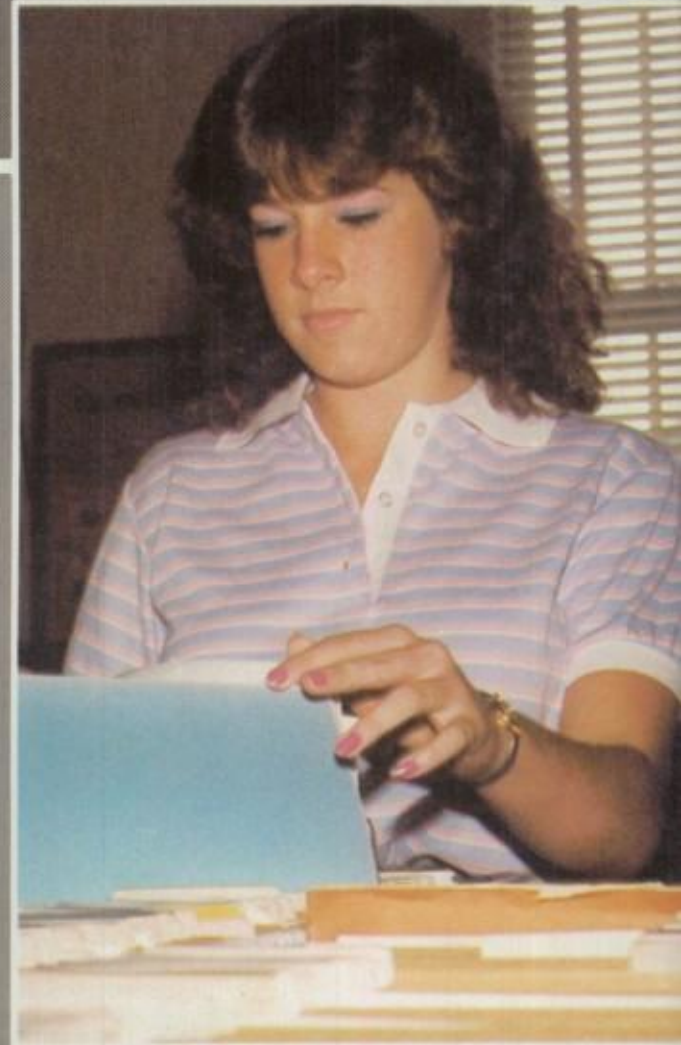
**The Big Apple.** While diligently warm booting (starting up) his computer, Chantha Kem prepares for the next program.

**Star Gazing.** Admiring the MHS Hall of Fame display, Deanna Rodriguez gazes at the 29 MHS outstanding achievers.



**Lagging Behind.** Two students head toward the new MHS north campus, rushing to avoid being late.

**A Look Into the Future.** Examining the files in the Career Center, Stephanie Presley looks at future job prospects.







**Making the Grade.** Engrossed in a biology experiment, Zeke Duque and Julie Emig concentrate on recording the data from their observations.

**A Change for the Better.** Workmen dismantle playground equipment at the old Washington School site to convert it into the new MHS north campus.



## *Into the Future: Starting Century 2*

by Kim James

**T**he Future: what will it be like? What is in store for good ol' Modesto High? Most of us are just trying to make it through the day, with little time for thinking about tomorrow, but the future will inevitably affect and change our lives. To prepare for her own future, MHS has recently made some significant changes.

The old Washington School site and intervening pieces of property became part of the Modesto High School campus last year. This new area enabled MHS not only to educate more students but also to meet the needs of her growing population. Along with the "north campus" site, MHS gained 6.5 acres in which parking areas were built to accommodate approximately 215 cars.

Preparing for her second century with optimism, MHS has installed 18 new Apple computers to begin a computer literacy program. One of the keys to the upgrading of the educational program at MHS was this computer course, which placed a new emphasis on individualized instruction.

The computers were ideal for enabling students to work at their own pace, yet keep up with the class. Students were paired at the consoles so that they could help each other in learning the "new language."

New graduation requirements for this year's freshman class include a mandatory basic computer course, as well as an extra year of math and science, and an increase in total credits to 220. These stiffer requirements represent the District's response to state-mandated changes in high school programs. A new trend was apparent among the student body of accepting the classroom as a place where learning really ought to occur. Gone was the old attitude of "I dare you to make me learn." Instead, teachers noted happily that—despite increased enrollment and crowded classes—most students took notes during lectures and turned their work in on schedule. Attendance was up, and there were fewer discipline problems.

Yet MHS also retained its long-held

reputation for spirited enthusiasm and a wide range of extra-curricular activities in which to become involved. The recent community-wide involvement in its Centennial Celebration provided students and alumni alike with renewed pride in the "oldest and best."

Principal Richard Lang is very optimistic about the future of Modesto High. He feels that MHS will continue to "significantly contribute to education and the community of Modesto." He also stated that "Modesto High will remain an exciting and viable institution, because the staff and students at MHS are unequalled." Modesto High did indeed seem headed in a more positive direction because the students were more serious and concerned about their future and the role their current education will take in it.

MHS will certainly encounter more changes in her second century, but the rich tradition of community involvement and Panther Pride that has been handed down over the past century will never die. □



# *MHS: the Heritage lives on in . . .*

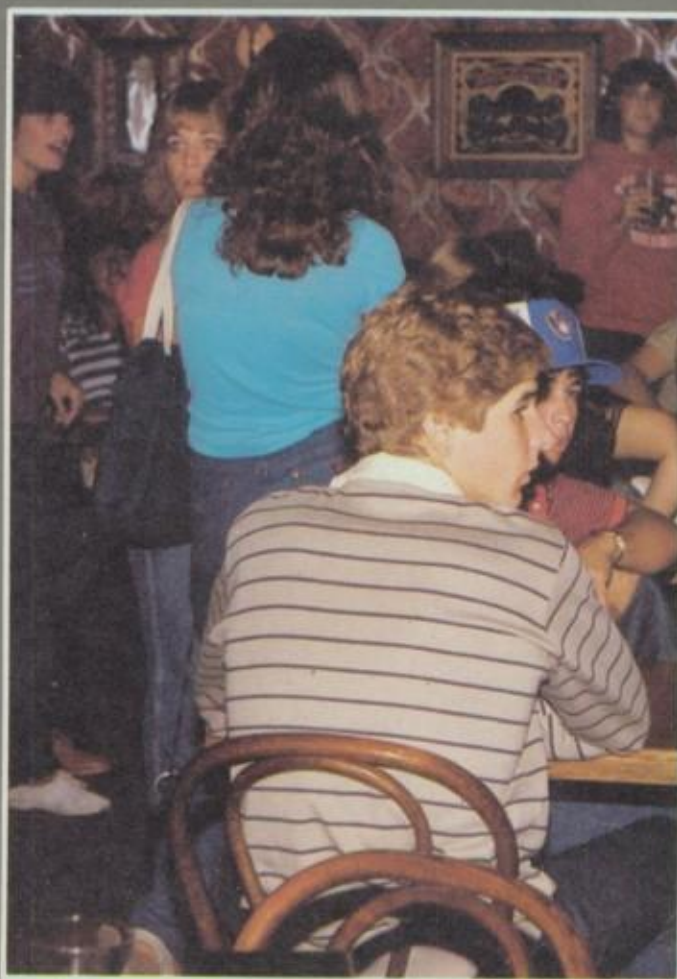
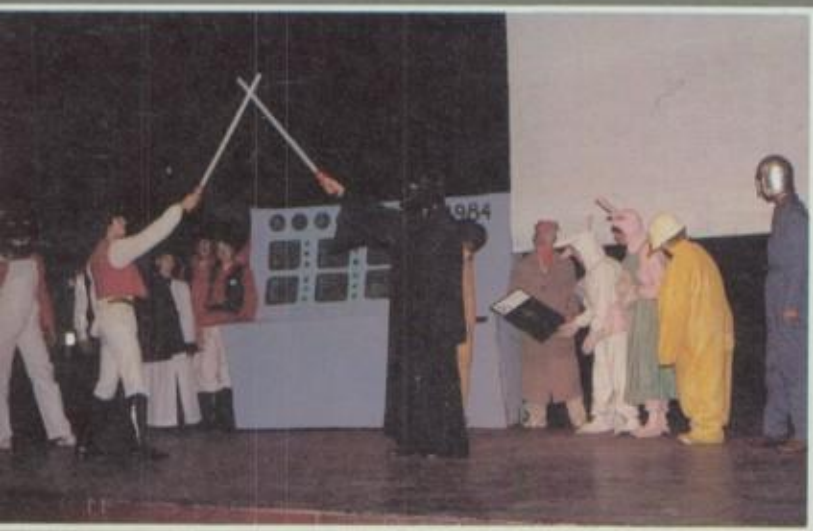
**Blab, Blab, Blab.** After finding an empty spot in the court yard where no one can hear them, Michelle Azevedo and Victoria Johnston gossip as usual.

**Getting Comfy.** With their usual lunch, Laura and Angie Wheeler make themselves at home on the front lawn.



**Happy Birthday!** On Julie Verissimo's birthday, friends Erica Toso, Albert Cardoso, Mike Rosa and Kathy Verissimo enjoy her lunch-time delight with a balloon gift.





**Sycamore Strikes Back.** Luke Sycamore (Mike Toso) and The Dark Raider (Butch Elinburg) fight a light saber duel in the "MHS Computer Room" during the fall year-book sales assembly.

**Going Wild.** At Shakey's after a football game, Rhonda Albright, Chris Wing, Lisa Negel, Rhonda Davis, Roger Wright and Martin McCarthy enjoy the chaos.

**Misusing the Library?** Janna Rhine uses the reference room of the library to study, rather than socialize.



# the Social Scene

by Anthony Presto

**‘W**hatcha doin’ Friday night?” was a popular question heard around the MHS campus as students looked forward to another weekend and a chance for

freetime fun. But the Social Scene for teenagers included much more than Friday and Saturday nights; socializing took place almost everywhere (even in class!).

The word social is defined as “being concerned with human beings and their relations with each other.” A scene is “a place where an event occurs.” Therefore, the Social Scene could be found wherever MHS students gathered for conversation and entertainment. Ranging from the school snack bar to Shakey’s Pizza Parlor, from an afternoon refrigerator raid to a date at a fancy restaurant, social scenes often included food, a necessity to growing teenagers!

From 5:00 am to after school, from fads and fashions to cliques to jobs to homework, students enjoyed themselves more when they were with their peers. They spent hours on the telephone when they could not be together, either re-living events of the past few days or making plans for the up-coming weekend. They joined clubs and other extra-curricu-

lar activities partly for the enjoyment of shared experiences. At every opportunity, they looked for occasions to share their lives with their friends.

On campus, popular spots included the main hall, the library, and the courtyard. The walls of the main hall were frequently seen lined with people, sometimes causing a traffic jam. Even though the library was not meant to be a social area, the more intellectual students of MHS found it an ideal place to pass time. Unfortunately, this usually included talking, a “no-no” in the library, and librarians were forced to ask disruptive students to leave. The courtyard, situated in the center of the campus, was nearly impossible to avoid en route to most classes, and in fair weather it was also a favorite hang-out, as it had been for years.

If asked for the location of the most common after-school social site, one would have to name Shakey’s Pizza Parlor. Many students gathered there for pizza and fun every Friday night after a game. No one seemed to be exactly sure why it was so popular, but it is certain that everyone enjoyed the pizza, music, video games, movies, and general loud noise!

Most MHS students had their own favorite ways and places to socialize, but no matter how or where or when, they always seemed to enjoy themselves with their friends. □



*Fitting into  
the hectic tempo  
of school life*

*by Ron Lopes & Dixie Weststeyn*

# First Week of School

**On the Road Again.** Students Sokuntheary Saing, Joe Solinger, Darrin Heister, Richard Beatty, and Sophan Damron return from classes at the north campus.

**'H**ey, I'm lost! Can you help me find my next class?" These words were frequently heard as freshmen and even some older students groped their way through the first few days of school. The confusion was magnified due to the increase in student enrollment by approximately 150 students.

After the initial excitement of school's opening had passed, students quickly settled into the routine of high school life. This was also true of many teachers, who had no qualms about giving homework on the first day.

The addition of the "north campus" at the old Washington School site added more classroom space but also caused some problems. Students soon discovered that five minutes was not long enough to commute to and from the main campus. To correct the problem, an extra minute was added to the passing time for those who had to travel back and forth.

Computers, the wave of the future, came to Modesto High. During the first week, many students noticed signs of

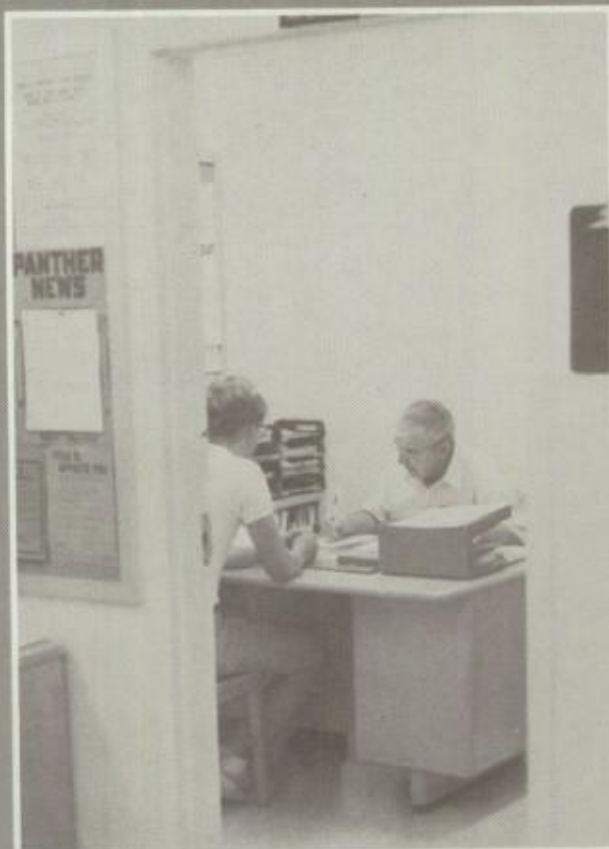
remodeling as the old journalism room in the main hall was converted into a computer lab. With many people indicating an interest in the new program, five class periods were scheduled and all were quickly filled to capacity.

As the week progressed, the famous "Panther Pride" began to enliven both students and faculty. This spirit was exhibited by the tremendous turnout at the first Friday rally, one of the largest and most exciting in years. Enthusiasm carried over into the evening as the Red and Black football team won their first game, beating Beyer 6-3.

Despite many changes, the first week of school generally went as planned. Freshmen fit right into the scene, and to most sophomores and upper-classmen, the new year picked up right where the old one had ended. □

**We'll Work It Out.** Working especially hard the first few days of school, Mr. Walter Baddell and the other counselors help to straighten out confused schedules.

**New Video Game.** Mr. Odell Scott demonstrates a computerized physics experiment as Scott McKenzie and Patrick Kessie watch intently.







**All Right, Pedal Power!**  
Representing the senior class, Lisa Andrews is determined to win the tricycle race at the first rally.



● **Comments on the first week of school:**

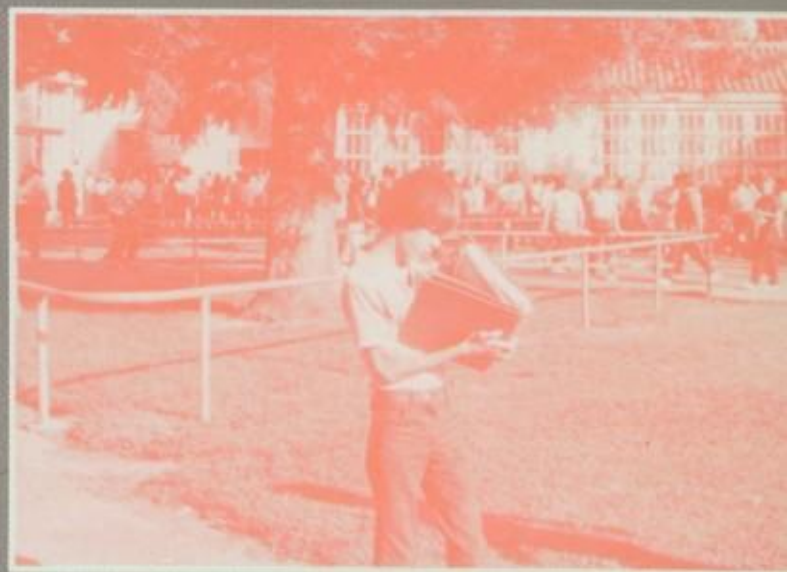
**Tony Forbes (9):** "All the freshmen I've talked to have said Modesto High is great! They also say it's a lot better than junior high and I agree."

**Michelle White (10):** "I feel very proud to be coming back to MHS. The first week of school was fun, because I got to see a lot of my friends and teachers."

**Holly Beatty (11):** "The first day of school was little discouraging because three of my classes gave out homework already, but now I'm having fun."

**Marcos Madrid (12):** "All the seniors were proud to be the 101st class to attend Modesto High School. I was especially glad because I've been waiting for my senior year for twelve years."

**Christian Luckhaus (foreign exchange student, 12):** "My first impression was that the students and teachers at MHS are very open-minded. It was, even for me, easy to make acquaintances and friends."



**Where's my Schedule?**  
Freshman Tony Forbes searches through his binder for the location of his next class.

**Here We Go Again.** Crowds return to the Modesto High campus to begin another school year.



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**Short of Time.** Annette Dickerson and Lynn Gorne rush to their next class, trying to make it before the tardy bell rings.

**Morning Routine.** Curling her hair every morning takes up a large part of Lori Thomas' before-school time, as it does many girls at MHS.

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● When you're in a hurry, what do you do to get to school on time?

**Dana Sergis (11):** "I don't do anything; I'm usually late."

**Leticia Zamora (11):** "Brush my hair in the car, sprint to my locker, and make up an excuse on my way to class— just in case."

**Shonda Brule (9):** "I ride my bike faster."

**Paul Wright (9):** "I get my mom to take me to school."

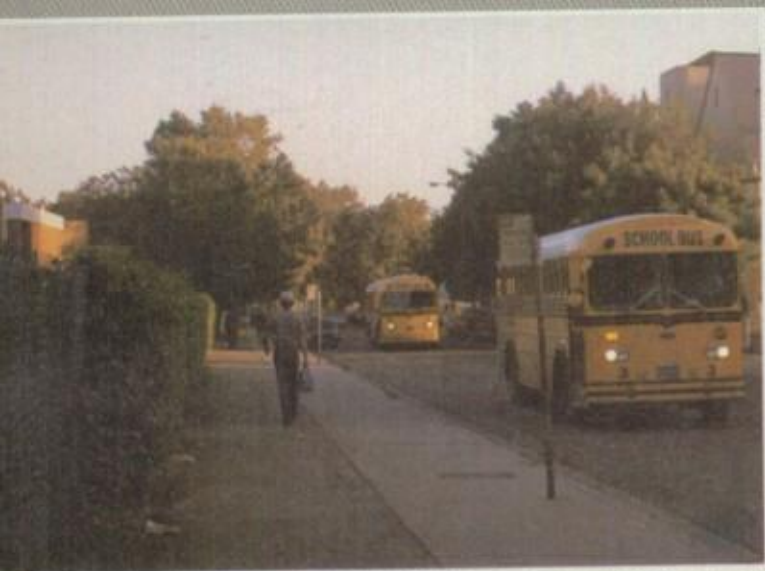
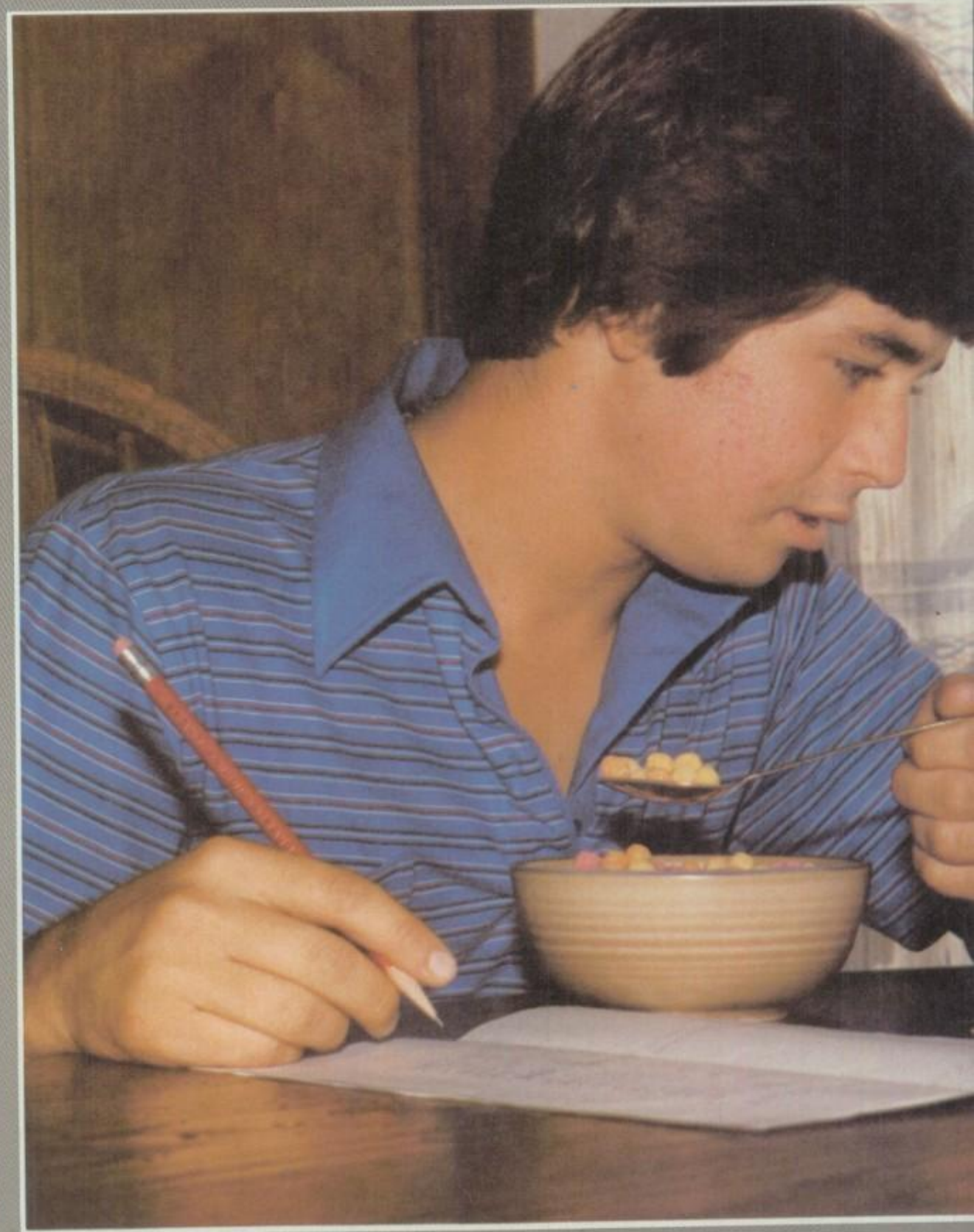
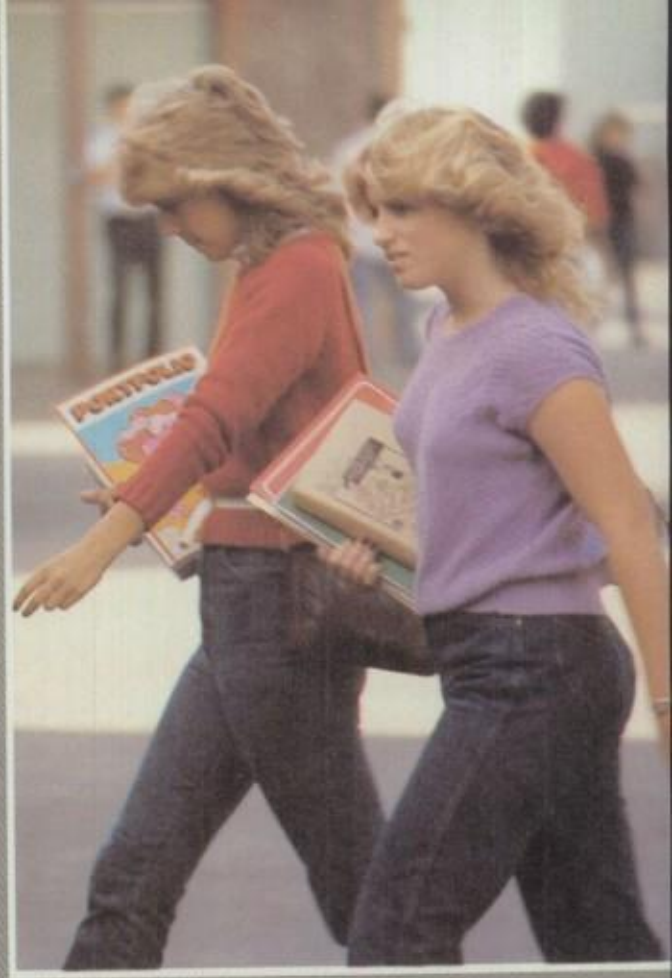
**Terri Adams (10):** "I don't curl my hair."

**Darren Jenkins (10):** "I freak out and get dressed."

**Tony Carter (12):** "I ride in a car."

**Megan Gowans (F):** "I eat a granola bar in the car."

**Judy Remmers (F):** "I skip breakfast and hurry up the shower."



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**Here's Where We Get Off.** As the buses pull into MHS, students prepare to start another day of school.

**Balancing Act.** Vince Furtado uses his breakfast time to finish up his homework and take notes for his first class.

**What's the Combination?** Brian Nicholson and Rolando Aguilar get the books they need for their first two classes of the day.

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**Under Lock and Key.** Like many students, Randy Williams gets his morning exercise by riding his bike to school.

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*Racing the clock  
to make it  
on time*

*by Chris Beatty*

## **M**orning Rush

**T**he alarm goes off, telling you it's morning. You shut your eyes again (just for a minute!) and time passes. A shout awakens you and you're blinded when the light is turned on. You jump out of bed with your mother standing in your room yelling at you. You're running late again; you've only a few minutes to get ready for school! The Morning Rush is on!

Mornings for many MHS students were hectic beyond description. There always seemed to be too little time to get ready for school, no matter how early the alarm clock rang. Some students got up as early as 5:00 am so that they could be ready to catch their bus. Others did not awaken until 7:00 because they either drove or lived within walking distance from school. On the average

girls reported that it took them 60 minutes to get ready for school while the boys said they took 50 minutes. Showers, blow-drying one's hair, brushing teeth and facial grooming were absolute necessities. Many skipped breakfast at least two or three days a week.

Once students got to school they had to worry about getting to class on time in order to avoid the ever-present tardy policy. That wasn't always easy; there were friends to talk to, and gossip to catch up on from the day before, and sometimes classes were scheduled in succession from one end of the campus to the other.

With the ringing of the first bell, students had to conquer the crowded halls to get to their lockers. Then the real challenge came— finding and obtaining the required first period books without having everything else in the locker fall out! Still, most students learned to budget their time carefully enough so that they arrived inside the classroom with seconds to spare.

For some students there was the additional task of getting across busy H Street to the north campus (Washington School site) before the tardy bell rang. After two weeks of testing, concerned administration officials gave the north campus students one extra minute on each end of their classes, in order to provide more time for them to cross the street safely. □

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**Late Once More.** Cherry Rose, Manuel Rosales and Tim Jenkins fill out tardy forms in the attendance office.

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J...k...J...Space. Nancy Ragar takes a break during her typing class.

Trying to avoid  
getting caught  
in a rut

by Denise Presley

# Daily Grind

**Y**ou get caught up in it every year and for most of us it's not the best time. The problem is, it lasts nine months! What is "it," you ask? The common name for it is the "Daily Grind."

The symptoms were easy to recognize. A person afflicted with the disease usually was sluggish and fell asleep in the middle of the day. He or she constantly complained about school and they always had "too much homework." Dragging feet and a reluctance to go to class were also symptoms. The most frequently voiced complaint was of boredom and disinterest.

Most students affected by the daily grind did not participate in any extra-curricular activities. Their favorite pastimes were complaining about school. Seniors were highly susceptible to the grind due to the fact that they had already endured three long years of high school.

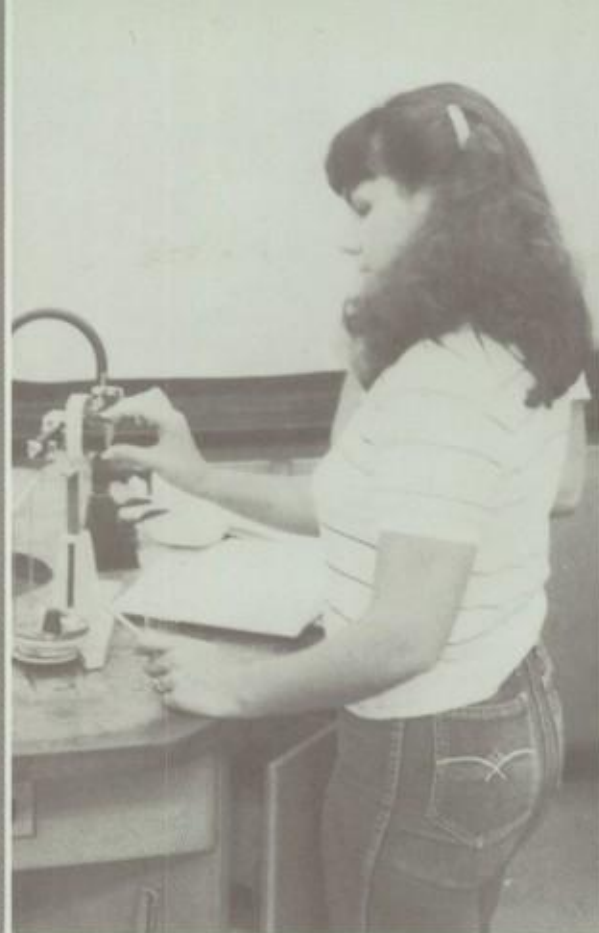
To help break the monotony of their classroom day, students participated in various school activities, including sports, band, student government, and membership in school clubs. Those who took part in the school activities usually had a more positive outlook on school. At Modesto High, only little traces of the daily grind were found. Teachers felt this

was due to the growing participation of students. Membership in clubs went up. Rally, for example, has had a declining enrollment for the past five years but this year membership went up to 212! The varsity football team had 54 members, and the sophomore and freshmen squads were just as large. Members of Student Council also found better participation in their activities. Campus attitudes definitely became more positive, which was all it took for some to shake the "Daily Grind:" participation and involvement. □

**What a Drag.** The boredom of English class is more than John Perry can face, as he contemplates calling it quits and going home after lunch.







**Look at that Vanishing Point!** Mr. Leroy Giovannoni explains receding lines in a perspective drawing assignment to Jon Green and Mike Toso.

**Accuracy is the Key.** The use of a dial-a-gram helps Pam Ketchum to be precise in a chemistry experiment.

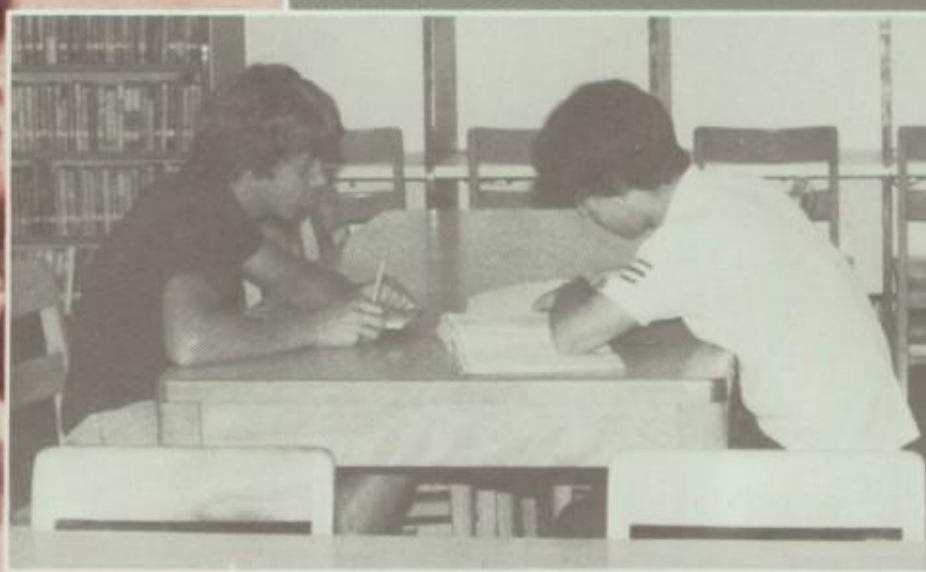
● **Teachers face the grind, too!**

**YB:** In what ways are teachers affected by the daily grind?

**Mr. Owen:** Teachers' days usually start at 6:00 and don't end until at least 3:00; most often it's later. When they get home, they are faced with papers to correct, assignments to prepare, district reports to fill out, and last but not least, their family! Plus most teachers spend 200 extra hours for extra-curricular activities such as clubs, sports, dances, etc.

**YB:** In what ways are you in particular subject to the daily grind?

**Mr. Owen:** First of all, I have two girls under 6 years of age. I have responsibilities to them and to my wife. Then there are school responsibilities. As Student Body director, I have to attend Student Council meetings, and then report to Mr. Lang. I have to attend dances, teach classes . . . well, I guess you get the picture.



**Quiet, Please.** Trying to concentrate, Kelly Calkins and Orlando Madrid spend their free time in the library.

**Physics can be Fun!** Geri Peek and Lauri Medeiros compile data for a lab in Mr. Odell Scott's physics class.



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**Standing Room Only.** Filling the crowded courtyard with lively conversation, Dee Hughes, Inez Silveira, Phillip Cearley, Joey Henriques and Johnny Klink discuss plans for the upcoming weekend.

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**Loner** is the term often applied to a person who seems to spend much of his time by himself. This is not to say that a loner has no friends; he just doesn't feel the need to be "in" with a certain clique or group.

Loners are seldom obvious in the classroom, where most students function individually. However, during free time one can easily spot typical loners. Some spend free time in the library studying or reading. Those who live close to the school may walk or drive home at lunch. Still others who need extra help with schoolwork may consult teachers in their classrooms.

Some people mistakenly "look down" on loners or feel sorry for them. Actually, one's preference to be apart from or in a group depends on his individual personality. Many of us find that we need to be isolated at one time or another, just to get things "sorted out." Quiet moments spent alone can be the best parts of the day.




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**Lunchtime Chatter.** Keeping mostly to themselves, Sokum Sambun and Molyna Huot talk with friends around the science building during break.

**Say Cheese!** Gathering behind the Industrial Ed Department, Noel O'lito, Eddie Hernandez, Pepé Dias, Jaime Martinez, and Claudio Nayares pose in the latest lowrider attire.

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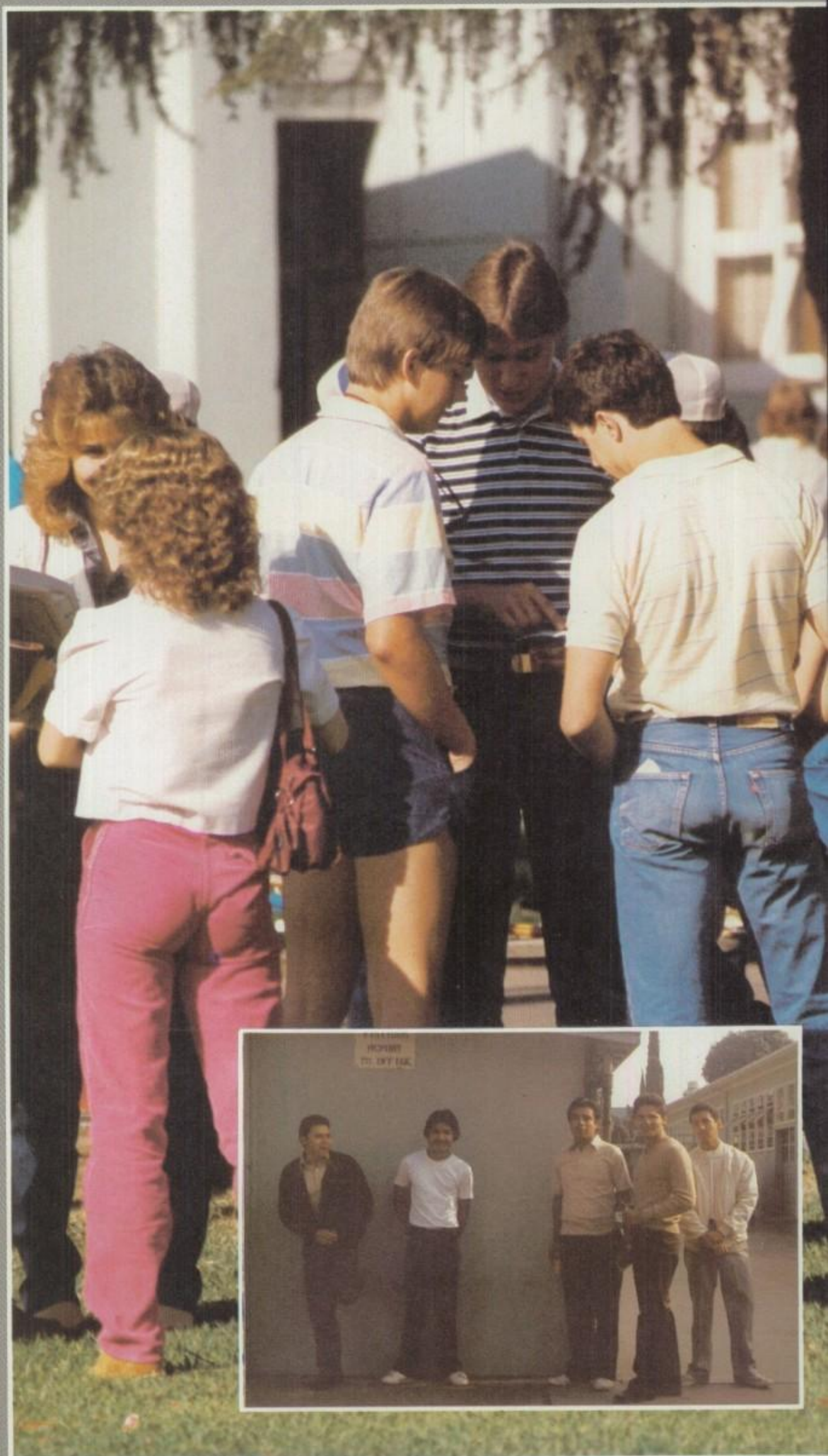
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**Cooking Up a Snack.** During Moyet, Patricia Williams and Mrs. Pat Decker's second period cooking class, black friends Vicki

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Moyet, Patricia Williams and Marlene Jarvis mix up a batch of cookies.

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*Feeling a sense  
of belonging to  
a specific group*

*by Dianne McHale*

## *n the Group*

**T**here are many social groups at MHS, each one reflecting a different part of campus life. These various cliques, made up of students who shared similar interests or participated in the same activities, bonded students together in social circles which gave them a sense of belonging.

Characterized by their dress and make-up, lowriders lined the hallways and the western fringes of the campus before school and during break. In their spare time, lowriders often cruised 4th Street and Beardbrook Park.

Recognized by their careless appearance, "burnouts" had their own group which hung out on Rosemore Avenue, otherwise known as "Marlborough Country." Down the street, in the spit and chew area, a few cowboys and aggies could be found, but most of them preferred the courtyard, where they could sit and watch everyone go by.

MASA club members could be found in the west courtyard, between the math

rooms and the tennis courts, where they were able to associate with friends. Sometimes members would go into the gym to play volleyball during lunch.

Blacks usually lined up near the Panther inlay, on the front steps of the school or participated in one of the most active clubs on campus, BSU.

The more academic students, whose grades and classroom responsibilities were their first priority, were often found in the library or a quiet nook of the school preparing for their next class or studying for a test.

The Dunkards, a group recognized by their caps and dresses, formed the smallest clique on campus. At lunch and break they and their friends were often seen eating, studying or socializing in the corner of the courtyard.

All students, whether members of a distinct group or not, were part of the MHS family, whose spirit and enthusiasm remained unrivaled among schools in the area. □



**Making the Rounds.** Leanne Gordon, school "nark," takes a moment to talk with Lori Reeves, Dwayne Henry, and James Mitts.

**Break Time Scene.** The local South Mo gang, including Johnny Smithers, Robert Berry, Roy Mims, Butch Elinburg, Leonard Wheaton, Robby Groves, and Jake Weston, watch the break time crowd.

**Looking for the Action.** Trent Bellew, Jim Boer and Manuel Azevedo join other aggies in stirring up a little noon-time fun.



Looking for  
a pause in  
the daily routine

by Danita Swinburg

# Takin' a Break

**Lunchtime Hustle.** Kris Lee hurries to her locker to put her books away as Pauline Anaya and Henry Morales stop to chat in the background.

**A**t what time of the day could the different groups on campus be seen eating, studying, goofing off, and catching up on the latest gossip? At break and lunch, of course; the two longest intervals between classes.

Break and lunch were, for some students, the best parts of the school day. They were the only times students could look forward to having a few moments to themselves or to being with a group of friends before having to hit the books again.

Relaxation or "getting away" seemed more intense than usual, perhaps because there was also more emphasis on working hard in class. Students crowded into the courtyard, cafeteria, main hall, and some classrooms, in order to be with their friends and talk. No one could be found who felt that breaks were a waste of time.

MHS students purchased their food and drinks at local stores, fast-food restaurants, the snack bar, and the school cafeteria. Those who did not eat wandered around campus or just sat and waited for those who were eating.

The courtyard was a more popular place than ever during lunch. Crowds of students usually sat on the grass or at the picnic tables, or stood along the rails. Although not as popular as in previous years, the main hall was still a good place to do some socializing dur-

ing lunch. Another place which was heavily attended during break and lunch was the smoking area, the popular "burn-out" hangout.

A few students took their lunch into the classrooms to get extra help from teachers or to just sit and study. The band hall was a nice place to take shelter during bad weather, practice an instrument, and to eat lunch.

For those students who just didn't seem to fit into one clique or another, there was always the front of the school where they sat and talked on the lawn. The library was a popular place for those who needed to use their lunch period (no food or drinks allowed!) to catch up on homework or to study for a test in sixth or seventh period.

With never more than two classes in succession, most Panthers soon learned to schedule their **really important** activities for Break Time. □

**Kickin' Back.** Relaxing during break, Roger Wani, Richard Brunetti and David Lopez engage in their favorite activity.

**Forking It Over.** After waiting in line at the snack bar Vincent Martinez finally reaches the front to purchase his long-awaited lunch.







**Doormen.** Socializing with friends after class near the boys gym, Fred Davis chats with Israel De la Rosa.

● **What do you use your break and lunch time for?**

**Michelle Letcher (10):** "To relax my brain."

**Leann Gilbert (10):** "To go the library and finish my homework."

**Darren Jenkins (10):** "For scouting the women."

**Karen Whitaker (11):** "I visit with friends, eat and try not think about sixth and seventh periods."

**Kenny Leer (12):** "Sit around and flip pennies at the bums."

**Cheri Reim, David Wilson (11):** "We like to be together."

**Tina Thomas (12):** "Chat, eat and sometimes do homework."

**Delores Doty (12):** "Get together with my friends."

**Junior Shalrd (11):** "Watch girls and talk with friends."

**Eddie Meyer (9):** "To eat, talk and chew."

**Paul Shaffer (9):** "I just kick back."

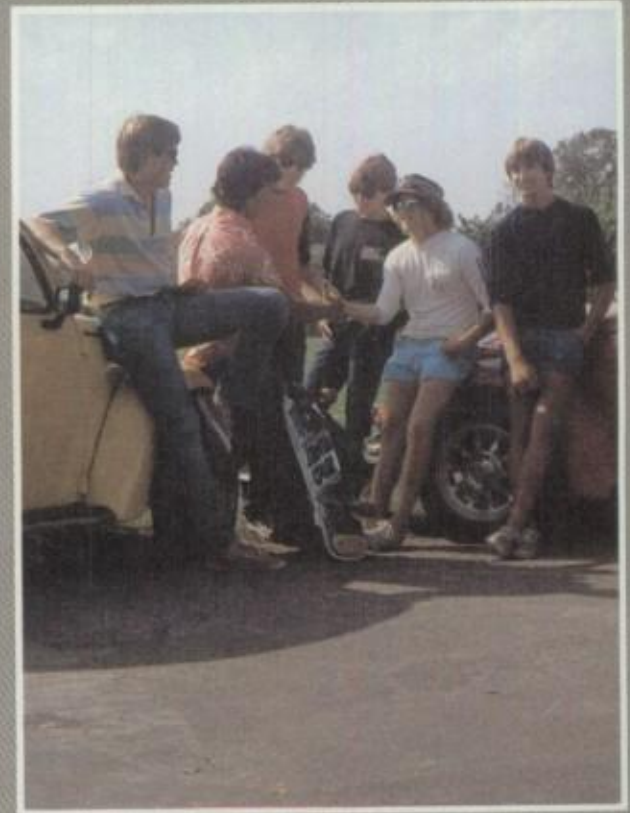


**Cramming Before Class.** Chris Walter and John Bringas finish their homework before the next class as Miguel Castaneda studies for a big exam.

**Scarfling Down.** Johnny Cope, Jerry Miller, José Garcia, Justin Smith, Raymond Cortez and Eric Jackson enjoy their lunches in the cafeteria.



**Surf's Up!** Beach boys Phillip Cearley, Jimmy Hendricks, Carl Staton, Jerry Fox, Jim Johnson, and Jon Green talk over the latest VW info.



**Cowboy Corner.** John Sprinkle, Jim Boer, Pete Mihelis, Donnie Coonce, Shane Hodge, Brandon Mauksch and Vince Martinez share their aggie stories during lunch.



● *What do you think about the new fashions this year, especially New Wave?*

**Sandra Contreras (11):** "New Wave is neat. But if they're going to dress New Wave, they should go all the way; not half-dressed."

**Kathy Heaton (12):** "I think it's good for some people who want to get into fads and fashions."

**Hellena Hannah (11):** "I like it. It's the fashion of the future, and it's funky."

**Michelle Letcher (10):** "I think it's a fad that will fade and I would rather stay normal."

**Johnny Cope (9):** "I think it looks cool on girls but the New Wave fashions look terrible on guys."

**Shanie Bentley (12):** "I think it's cool. I love to dress New Wave, but not too much because people look at you strangely."



**On the Right Foot.** Many styles of shoes are popular with students, ranging from cowboy boots to plastic shoes.

**Wearing What's 'In'** is what Patricia Williams, Charlita Crane, Melinda Lee, Robin Grimes, Susie Beckwith, Jacy Lee, Wendy Beauvais, Leslie Anglim, Monica Contreras, Stacy Walker, Rhonda Albright, Ester Lopez and Diana Lopez chat about.







**The QQ Look for Seniors.** Ron Dixon, Marcus Martinez, Martin Martinezk and Sam Cousins try to achieve that "classy" look.

*Sporting the styles  
but reflecting  
one's own taste*

# Suit Your Fancy

by Rhonda Albright

**S**tyle. That's what the school year was all about as more than ever in recent years, MHS students dressed in the groove. No matter where one looked on campus the various types of styles "in" during the year were evident.

One such style was the "Flash Dance" look. Strap T-shirts worn underneath huge torn sweatshirts were part of the look made popular by the summer movie of the same name.

The New Wave look really made an impact on MHS students. Bi-level haircuts, Marilyn Monroe jeans, mini-skirts, and tight jeans cut off at the ankles were some of the clothes worn in the New Wave style. Big colorful earrings, pumps, and bracelets were the most common accessories in this look.

Two styles that remained popular were Western and Lowrider. Consisting of blue jeans with fancy buckle, cowboy

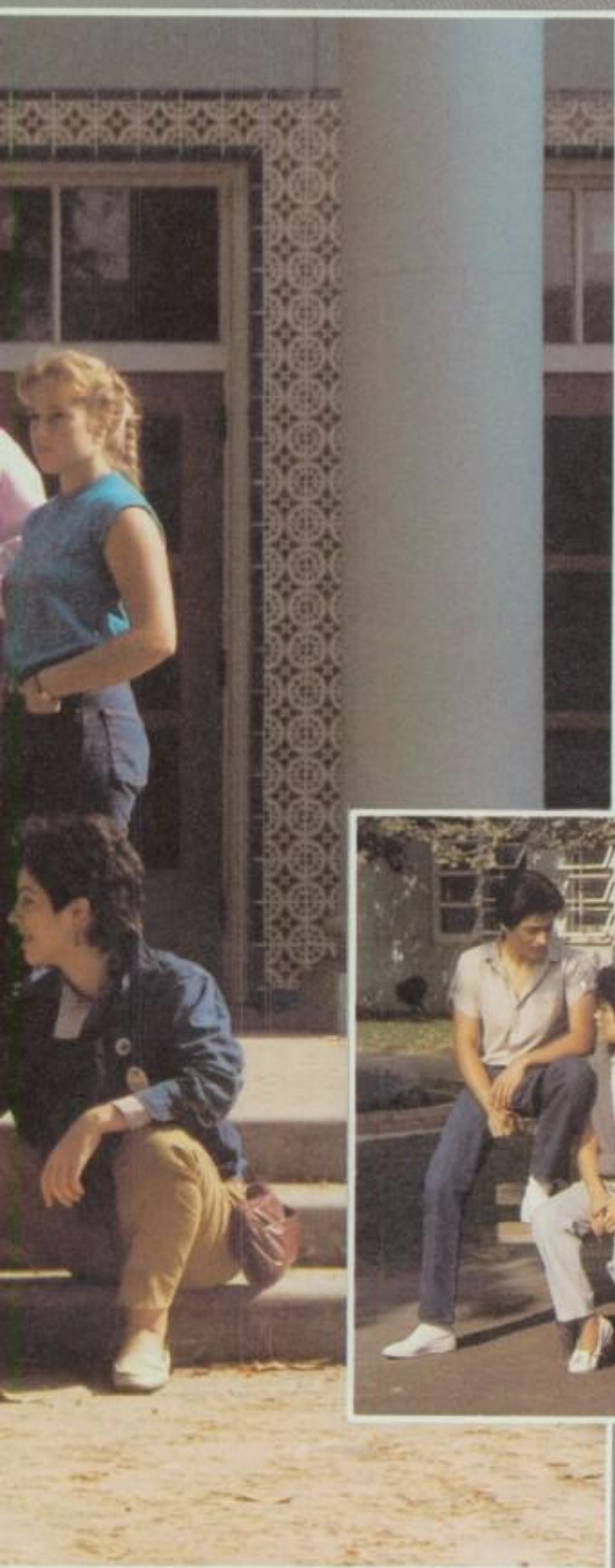
boots, and western shirt, and topped off with a 10-gallon hat, this look was still the style for the Aggies. Lowriders wore mostly neutral colors: khaki pants, white T-shirts, sweaters, Stacy Adams shoes, black and gray pants, Stylin' Shirts and ties to distinguish them from the other students.

Another carry-over was the "preppie" look. One of the most easily distinguished characteristics was a sweater hung over the back and tied loosely by the sleeves in front. Shirts were often Izod, Latigra, or Britannia, with a pair of 501 Levis and "top sider" deck shoes.

The "beach boy" look gained momentum throughout the year. The Ocean Pacific logo showed up on their pants, shorts, shirts, purses, and even underwear. Sometimes called the "Surfer" look, the outfit was not complete without a pair of sunglasses, and of course, Vans. These canvas shoes were very "in" and could be purchased with a variety of checkered colors and even with palm trees on them. They were always worn **without** socks.

Students dressed in a style in which they felt most comfortable, sometimes choosing one "look" on one day and a different one on another. But no matter what they wore, style was the key element in Panther fashions. □

**Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow.** Sam Gonzales, Leah Valenzuela, Brian Kelley, Carol Jack, Irene Baldez, Stephanie Heersink, Robert Page and Dee Hughes display various hair styles.





**Button Up.** Abbye Williams, Kim Rancour, and Sabrina Olney talk about their different buttons and pins.



Keeping up with  
the latest fads  
and rages

by Jacy Lee

# Gettin' With It

**B**andanas, breaking, buttons and pins, home computers, painter hats, New Wave music and even lockers were among the briefly popular and ever-changing trends at Modesto High.

Worn around the leg, arm, or waist, or fitting loosely or tightly around the neck, bandanas could be seen on both guys and girls on campus. Many guys chose to wear the suddenly-in painter hats this year. Some of these hats were a long way from their original purpose; they sported checkerboard prints or a beach scene, while others had trendy slogans.

The girls on campus had their own fad, that of attaching buttons or pins all over their purses. The most popular was the "I Love \_\_\_\_\_" button. The blank was usually filled with the name of whoever their beau was at the time.

New Wave music also gained popularity among the students at MHS. From "The Go-Go's" to "The Tubes," students could be found buying their favorite records at local record stores.

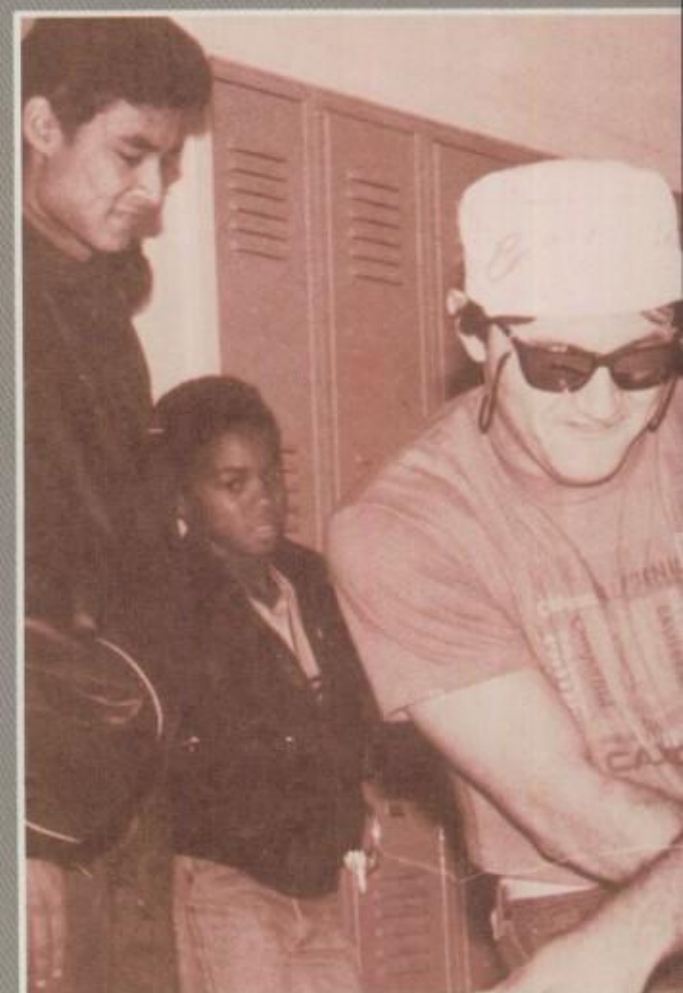
"Breaking" and "Popping" were the two biggest dance crazes to hit MHS. Guys could be found on campus spinning on their backs (breaking) or moving their bodies in a snappy, robot-like movement (popping).

Home computers were very hot items, especially among the college-bound. Many people used them in their homes to help them prepare budgets and

organize their lives. The big movie hit this summer had to do with computers. "War Games" was the story of a young man who, while playing with his home computer, illegally gained entry into the US military computer and terrified the nation.

Personalizing lockers created their own kind of fad at MHS. Many students added an individual touch to their lockers by putting their favorite posters in them. Some students went so far as putting in wall paper and mirrors, while others settled for shelves to keep their books organized. Secret Pal lockers stood out from the crowd, thanks to the rally members who decorated them each game day.

Throughout the year, in numerous ways for numerous reasons, MHS students were always gettin' with it. □

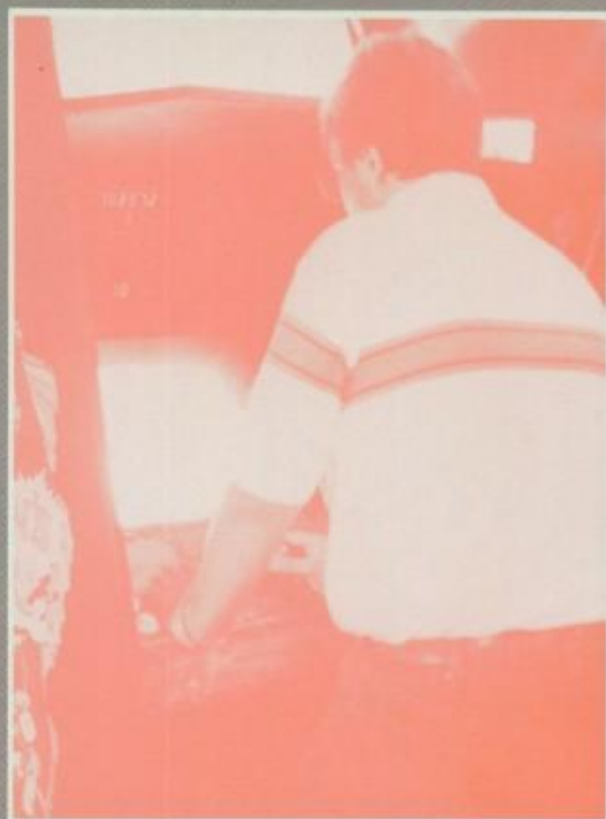


**Calvinized Locker.** Brenita Norris happily puts her books in her designer locker before lunch.

**New Wave or Nothing.** Listening to a showcase of New Wave releases, Cherl Reim sits on the front lawn during lunch.







**Nothing to Paint.** Waiting for the bell to ring, Jeff Charron, Harpeet Grewal, and Darren Gilbert talk about the weekend.

**Pong to Dragon's Lair.** Ed Sciarini executes his skill at the newest video game to hit the market.

## Do You Remember?

- painter hats
- rock group buttons
- bandanas
- New Wave music
- beads
- the "preppy" look
- vans
- polka dots
- safety pins
- mini skirts
- vurnets
- muscle shirts
- the "Flashdance" look
- penny loafers
- off-the-wall earrings
- plastic shoes
- moccasins
- rock videos
- the "punk rock" look
- decorated shoe laces
- physical fitness
- the "surfer" look
- 501s
- OP clothes
- the "western" look



**Tied Up to Our Necks.** Melina Nuñez, Bridgette Simmons, Gwen Dooley, Junior Shaird, Jennifer Jackson and Charlita Crane are up to their necks in colored bandanas.

**We Do It Our Way.** Showing the New York way of dancing, Jimmy Purcelli and Jesse Garibay show their way of "doing it."



**Gettin' the Job Done.** Her part-time job at Rexall Drugs helps Michelle Simar pay for her after-school activities.

**Don't Miss the Bus.** Johnny Cope runs to put his books in his locker before the bus leaves.

● **What do you do after school?**

**Carla Jarvis (12):** "I go bike riding after school, and then homework takes up all my time."

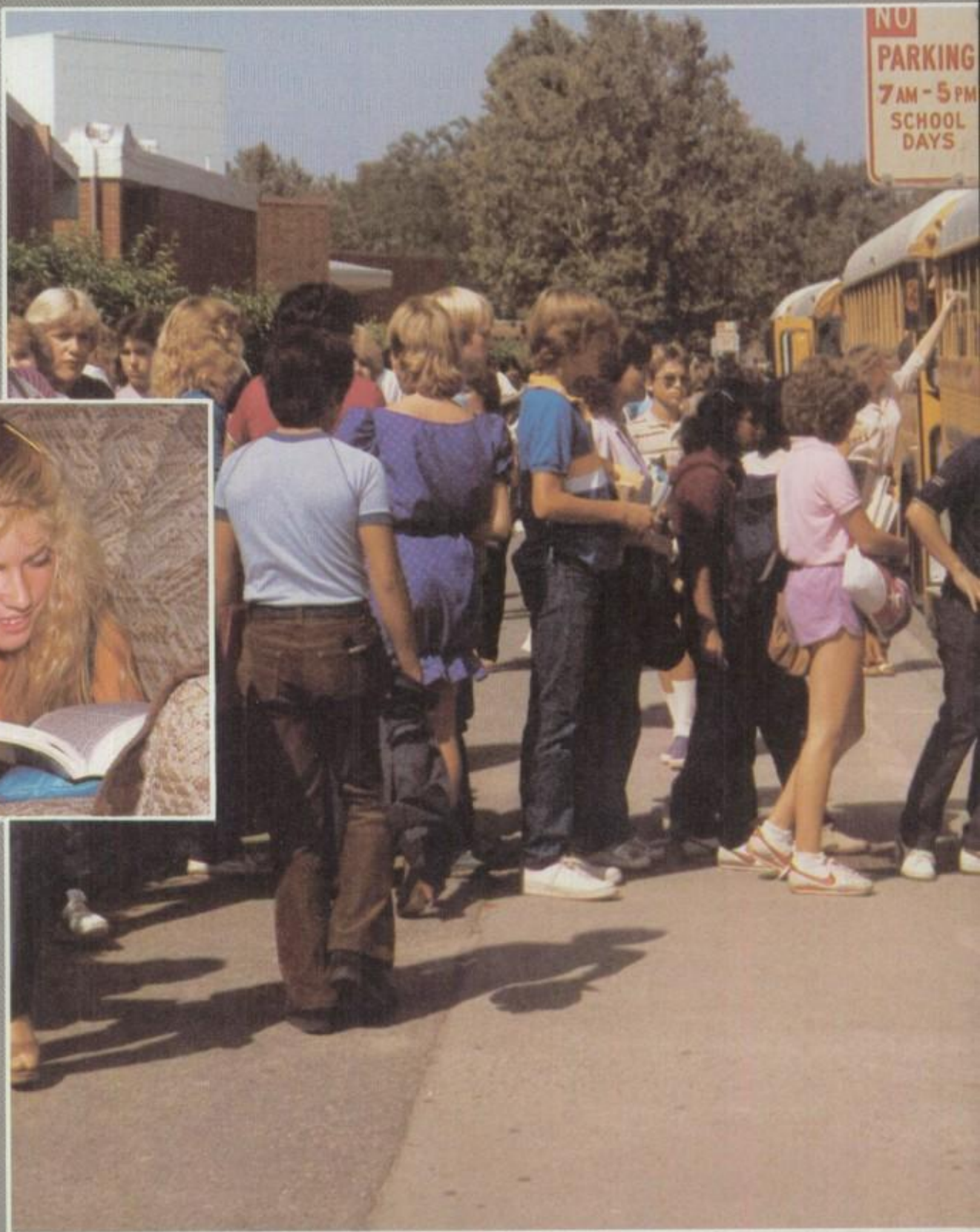
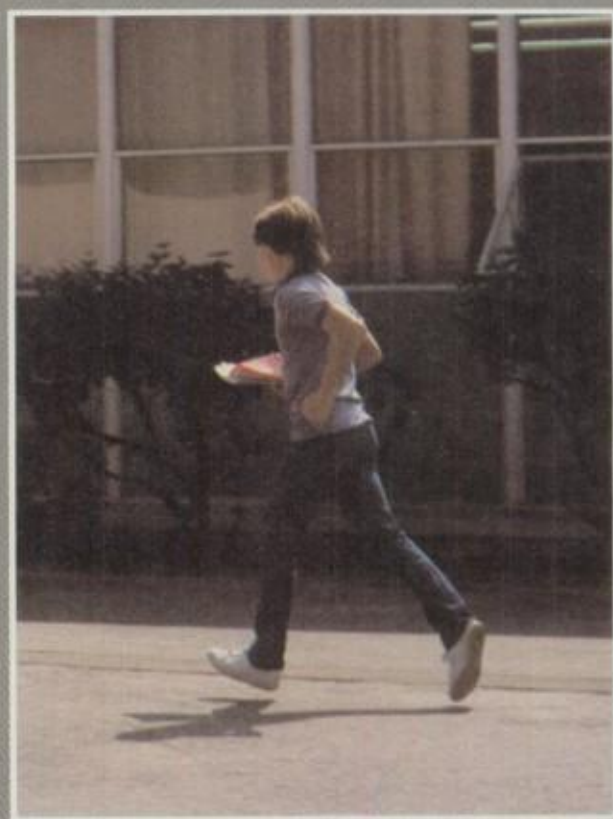
**Eiko Akagi (foreign exchange-12):** "I babysit my 'brothers' and do my homework."

**Anthony Presto (12):** "After school I work at Circle B Fisheries washing dishes."

**Mr. John McCaffery (teacher):** "I stay after school until about 3:00 correcting papers. When I finish, I go to the SOS Club to play racquetball and handball. Then it's home to relax."

**Ms. Kris Domitrovich (teacher):** "First, I run errands downtown; then, I play some tennis and go home to prepare lessons, correct papers, etc . . ."

**Lori Thomas (12):** "I usually have to work nights, so I go home, rest, do my homework, and then I'm off to work."



**One more page.** Stephanie Heersink finishes up her homework before she turns on the tube.

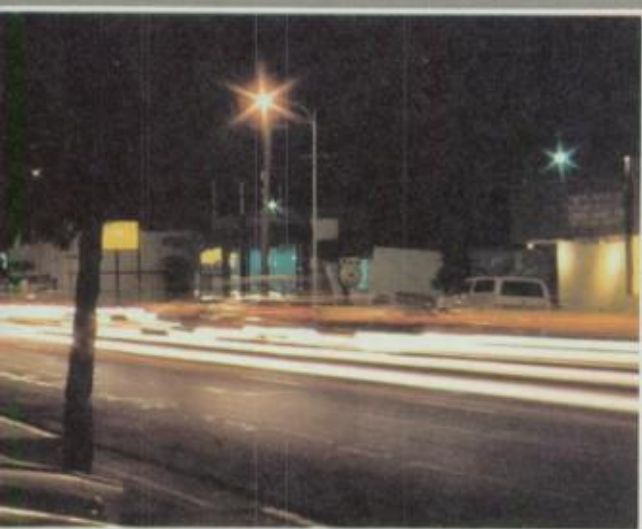
**R-r-r-ring!** Classes are over and crowds of students quickly climb aboard the buses for the long ride home.



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**Fill up the gas tank.** Friday and Saturday nights always brings out a percentage of students cruisin' McHenry.

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*Choosing your  
own time for  
work and play*

*by Dianne Watts*

## *After the Bell*

**T**he 2:10 bell: it signaled the end of another school day for some, for others it marked the beginning of their extracurricular activities, and for others it signaled time to start their "real fun."

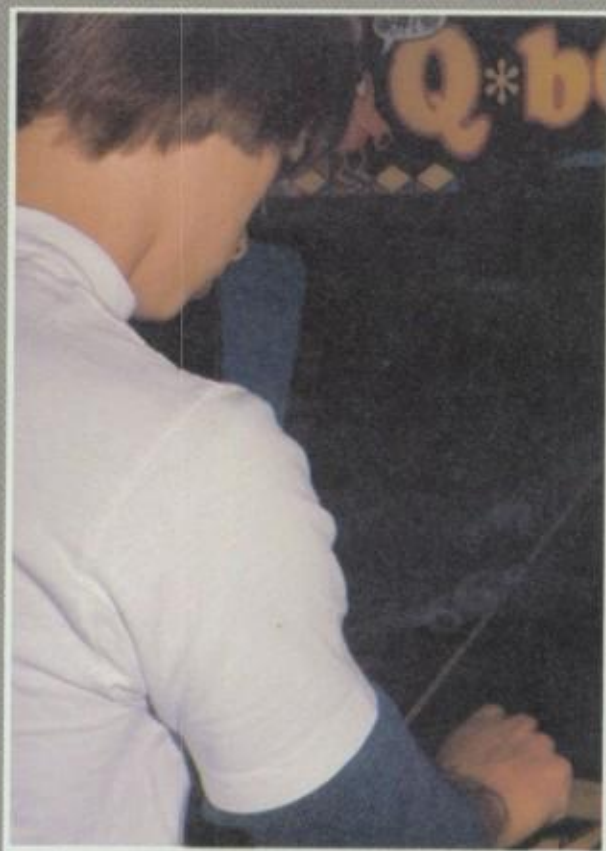
Extracurricular activities required great amounts of a students' free time, and some were unwilling to commit themselves so lavishly. But other students considered the rewards well worth the effort. Those who were involved in sports stayed after school to practice and improve their performance for games. Rally members stayed to paint signs for the games and their secret pals, decorate the halls and lockers, and— if they were spirit leaders— to practice their routines. Yearbook and newspaper staffers and photographers stayed late and attended evening and weekend events in order to get the

stories and pictures they needed. Members of the band and colorguard also practiced after school to keep up their award-winning reputation.

Reflecting the long-lasting effects of the recent recession, many students had jobs to go to after school every day. For them, 2:10 was when their **real** day began. Others, more fortunate, went out and spent a few hours to raid the refrigerator. Soap opera addicts just rushed home to catch the last half-hour of *General Hospital*, while video freaks headed for the nearest game center to sharpen their skills. The new Computer Center was open with student aides on duty until 5:00 every afternoon, for anyone who needed a little more "computer time" to master the intricacies of binary communication.

All students, at one time or another, had the tedious task of doing homework. Whether they did it right after they got home or waited until after dinner, homework was a big part of their after school hours. Those who faithfully completed their assignments found it rewarding when they had to take a test and when semester grades came out.

From housework to taking a nap in the afternoon, MHS students each did what they wanted After the Bell. Many students learned to juggle a combination of activities after school, while some did nothing except "kick back." It was up to the independent Panther to decide. □



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**Q!@?! Game Over.** Jake Weston is one of many students addicted to video games.

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Working hard for  
what you want and  
where you're going

by Stefanie Wood

## Payin' Your Way

**W**ithout my dad's car I wouldn't be able to get to school or work," explained senior Stephanie Heersink, who leads a busy life of education, spirit activities, and employment.

Many students have to use their own or their parents' car to get to school, work, and their extra-curricular activities. They also have to rely on other methods of transportation such as school buses, city buses, bikes, hitching a ride with friends, or even the extreme of walking.

Transportation was a major factor in students' daily lives. As the cost of living rose, so did the prices of gasoline and bus fees; riding the school bus now costs students twenty-five cents a ride each way. Despite these costs, over 30% of the students still rode the "big yellow taxi," while parking remained a problem for the many cars students drove each day. Relief brought by the two new parking areas was partly offset by closure of California Avenue and restricted parking on Rosedale.

"You have to have a job. Otherwise, how do you expect to get along? School activities cost money and you also need money to buy extras!" stated senior Kris Lee. Jobs have become a major necessity in many students' lives. Their jobs not only give them the opportunity to earn money, but they also give them occupational training and experience in preparation for the real world. Some faculty members disapproved of students having after school jobs because they interfere with their studies. Most students, however, felt compelled to work to afford their lifestyles.

Although there are many types of jobs, many students found work in fast-food establishments such as Taco Bell, Burger King, McDonald's and Wendy's. Others were employed in drug stores, business offices, and clothing shops.

Now more than ever students are finding themselves assuming adult responsibilities, one of the most fundamental of which is payin' their own way.



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**Gettin' It Done.** Working steadily, Rhonda Albright adjusts the belt on a new sweater.

**Two-Wheeled Transportation.** Bicycles are a popular source of transportation among many students at Modesto High.

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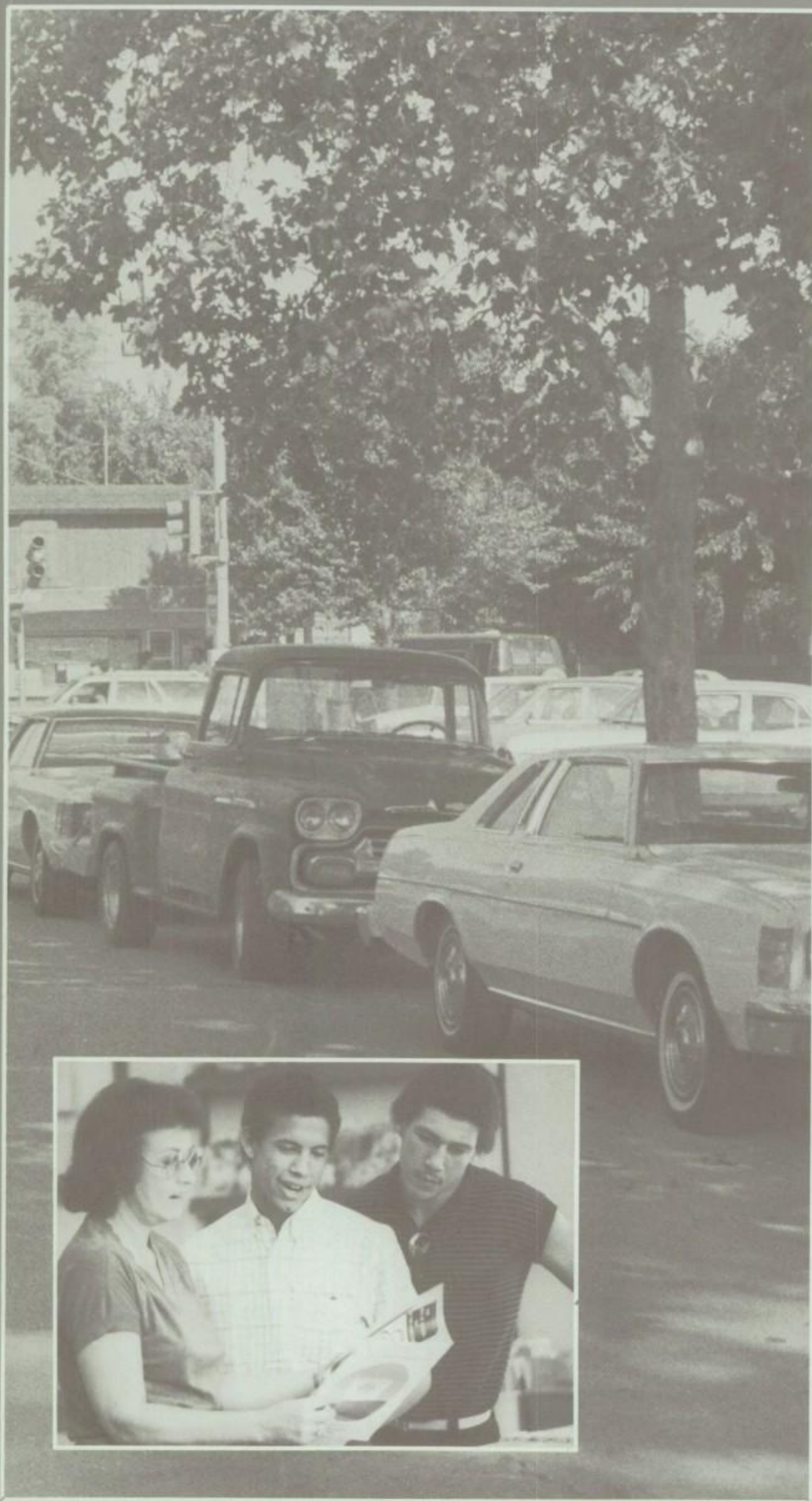
**Steady Hand.** Concentrating hard, Butch Elinburg works at his second job at Billington's Welding.

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**Afternoon Delight.** As the 2:10 bell rings, students rush to the buses for a ride to freedom; for many, their afternoon activities are more important than the morning ones.



**Tight Squeeze.** Driving a car to school is a real hassle, especially where parking is concerned; many students end up parking two blocks away.

● *How much are an average student's expenses?*

Student Body Card	\$ 7.00
Yearbook	20.00
Activity Fee	30.00
Transportation (per game)	2.00
Rally Fee	7.00
Sports Events (each)	1.50-3.00
After-Game Pizza	5.00
Video Games	5.00
Movies (each)	4.50-6.00
Fast Food	3.50
Bowling	4.00
Restaurant Dinner	10.00-15.00
Clothes (per month)	40.00-75.00

● *What do you spend most of your money on?*

**Jake Weston (12):** "On gas, games and FOOD."

**Mr. Paul Abby (teacher):** "Between my family and my friends, I'm always broke."

**Vince Furtado (12):** "Football games, entertainment, and girls."



**How's This One?** Mrs. Beve Streeter helps Ron Dixon and Sam Cousins search for information on different occupations.

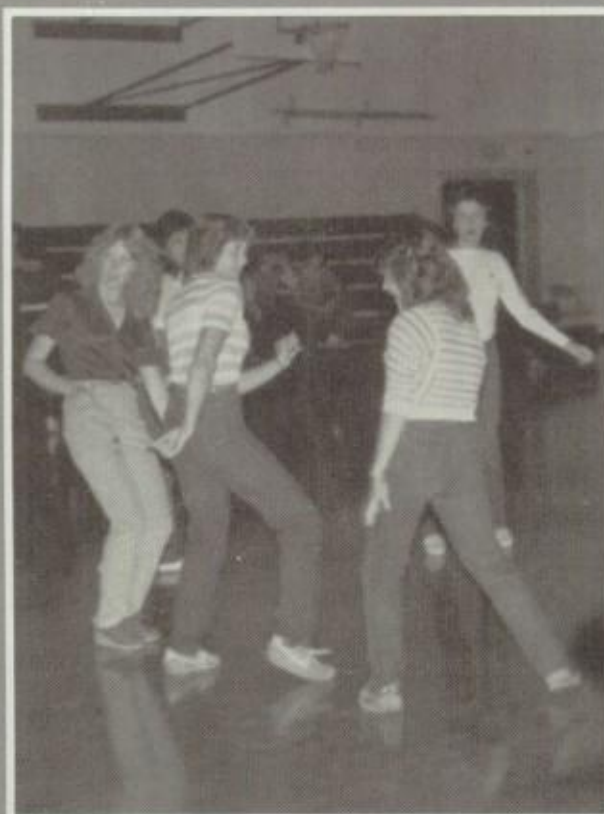
**May I Help You?** Working as a hostess and cashier at Early Dawn Restaurant helps Sabrina Farris to pay her own way.



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**Get Down, Get Funky, Get Loose!** Katy McGrath, Terri Adams and Tammy Williams rock to the beat at the Back-to-School Dance.

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● **What kind of music do you prefer to dance to and what kind of dances do you like to attend? How do you like to be dressed at a dance?**

**Zulema Zuniga (9):** "I like to dance to anything but hard rock, and I like to go to good dances where I can be dressed casually."

**Kelth Waters (12):** "What I prefer the most is soul music. I like to go to the dances where they're jammin' and nobody is fighting. When I go out dancing, I like to dress with class."

**Sherry Brownlee (10):** "I like to dance to anything but soul. Country is OK, but I prefer rock. I like to go to 'live' dances and dress casually."

**Matt Stiles (10):** "I like to dance to new wave and new rock, and when I go dancin' I like to dress casually."

**Leticia Medina (11):** "I like soul and oldies. I like dances that are full of people with loud soul music. I like to dress casually."




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**Get Down On It.** Don Heiny, Cathy Mihelis and Trent Bellew enjoy the beat of the music at the Turkey Trot.

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**Can't Let Go.** Cary Large of Downey and Martin McCarthy hold on tight to their dates Stephanie Cone and Diana Camara at the Turkey Trot.

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by Sam Gonzales

*Getting into  
the latest music  
and dance crazes*

# Rockin' to the Beat

**Rock It!** Annette Dickerson and Tim Gorne dance to the perfect beat at the Hearts and Lace Dance.



**T**hroughout the year, MHS students looked forward to "rockin' out" as they attended a larger-than-usual number of school dances sponsored by the different clubs and groups on campus.

The first dance of the year was the Back to School Dance held in September. Although well attended, it drew a smaller crowd than had been expected. But in November, the girl-ask-boy dance, the Turkey Trot, turned out to be a hit as students danced to the live music provided by The Tickets. On December 10th, the Rally sponsored the first Chuck E. Cheese Dance Party, held after the Turlock Basketball Tournament. For six dollars each, students received unlimited pizza, drinks, and access to games.

Two dances were held in January. The first was another Back to School Dance which welcomed everyone back to

school after Christmas vacation; the second was the Winter Homecoming Dance sponsored by Rally. Both were great! To bring couples together, the Sophomore Class organized the Hearts and Lace Dance on February 17th, just a few days after Valentine's Day. The Freshman Class showed that they also could put on a great dance and make a profit. It was a success because of the enjoyable music and large attendance.

On March 17th, another Chuck E. Cheese Dance Party was scheduled. Held on St. Patrick's Day, this one celebrated the Panthers' state basketball championship, earned that afternoon. Once again students ate, drank, and played all they wanted for just six dollars. The Senior Dinner-Dance was held March 30th. The chicken dinner was catered by Tognetti's, and Dennie Farris provided the music at the dance.

The best and most popular dance of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom, held at the California Ballroom on May 12th. Sponsored by the Junior Class, the theme was "All Night Long" and the colors were pink, lavender and white. The only formal dance held by MHS students, it gave the Class of '84 a perfect send-off and was truly appreciated by the seniors. □

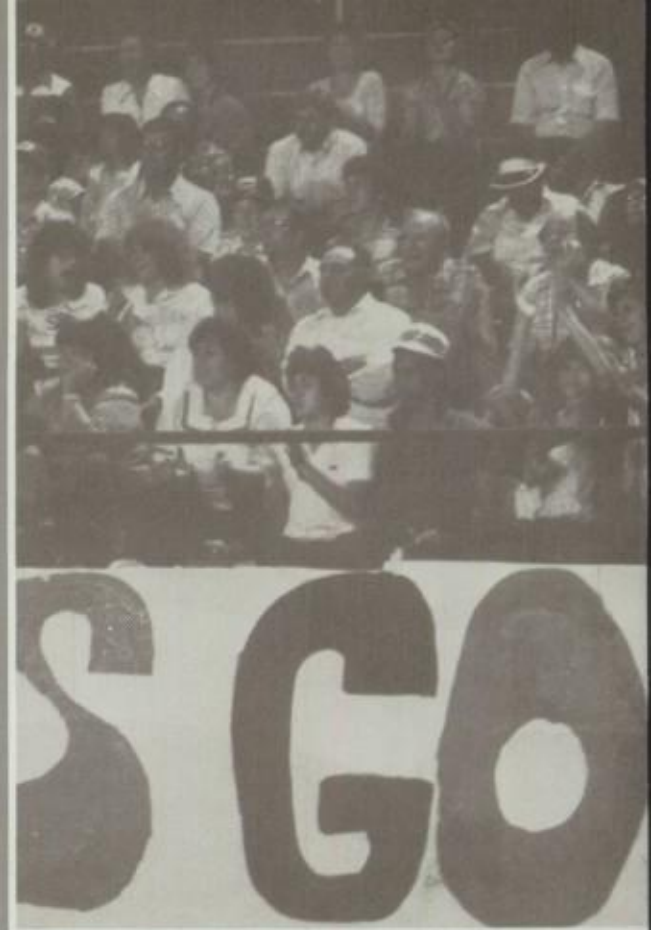


**Can't Slow Down!** Susie Beckwith and David Anaya try to keep the same rhythm as they dance to a fast-moving song.

**Let's Go Dancin'!** Danita Swinburg, Dan Wong and Jim Shermer of Oakdale enjoy the music at the Winter Homecoming Dance.



**Go Modesto!** The crowd gets excited as a Panther rushes to the end zone.



*Enjoying the freedom and excitement of night life*

by Carla Jarvis

## Steppin' Out

**O**n a calm night in Modesto, MHS students were often seen traveling about looking for adventure and fun at the various night life activities around town. This was the time for stepping out and being free to be who you wanted to be. Modesto High students' night life activities ranged from cruising McHenry with a group of rowdy friends, to personal sports activities or playing a new game, to taking in a show and a quiet dinner with that special someone.

"I like to go out with my friends because I always have a good time with them," stated Lina Dias, and that seemed to be the consensus of many. For years cruising in Modesto has been a popular activity for all teenagers. Fill up the tank . . . wait for nightfall . . . Cruise! For those who didn't want to cruise or were looking for a change of pace, there was always a party or two to check out. Pick any place, any time, add lots of food, call a few friends, and voilà, instant fun!

Although many followed the party scene, there were those who chose to take a quieter route with a smaller group of friends, whether it was bowling,

skating, or playing video games at the nearest arcade. Some students found themselves not able to go out at all; it was off to work on Friday and Saturday nights for them. That was a hard choice, but it enabled them to save money for that weekend off once a month.

For the percentage of students who had "steadies," a night alone on the town was often the choice for them. Dinner at the Cask and Cleaver or the Early Dawn, and then maybe a show was a great way for such students to spend some time with their favorite guy or gal. Finding a way to have an evening alone with that "one on one" atmosphere was popular with many couples.

Getting dressed, putting gas in the car, pulling out the cash . . . all were part of the ritual of Stepping Out, a great time for MHS students to let it all hang out and be themselves. □

**Two Friends on the Town.** Eating at their favorite place, the Café Decadence, Paul Gibson and Ed Sciarini enjoy dessert after their meal.







**Watch Out for that Killer Plane.**  
Running up a good score, Phil Shuman masters Time Pilot.



**Rolling Along.** A fun night of roller skating is on Justin Smith's mind as he puts on his skates.



● **What is your favorite Spot?**

**Kelly Dunnaway:** The Lake!  
**Scott McKenzie:** Football Games.  
**Debi Thompson:** Cruising McHenry.  
**Paul Gibson, Ed Sclarini:** Café Decadence.  
**Anthony and Manuel Rosales:** The Arcade.  
**Bev Miller:** Trip for Saki.  
**Marcy Jarvis, Sherri Hunter:** Roller King.  
**Marla Scarbrough:** The Beach.  
**Spirit Fans:** Shakey's after a game— win or lose.  
**Rhonda Albright:** Parties at MJC.  
**Rodell Meeks:** Prescott Drive In.  
**Paula Crowthers:** Black Angus.  
**Lori Reeds:** McHenry Bowl.  
**Susan Florida:** Rock Shoppe.  
**C. J.:** Dirtbiking or on the track.



**Going for a Strike.** As Donald Lee waits for his turn, Marvin Ron concentrates on bowling a strike.

**One Large Popcorn, Please.** Dee Hughes helps a customer who is catching a flick at the Vintage Faire Cinemas.



# *MHS: the Heritage lives on by . . .*

**Flying High.** Freshman Ronnie Jenkins goes up for two as the Panther Kittens get off to a good start against Tracy in their second game of the season.

**Panthers on the Run.** Gabriel Pacheco and Pedro Dominguez stride to the finish line in a Cross Country race.



**Sideline Excitement.** Winter Varsity Cheerleader Michelle Foust joins other spiritleaders in cheering on the Varsity Basketball Team as the score rises in favor of the Panthers.





**Walk This Way.** Fall Varsity Songleaders Gina May, Sabrina Farris, Stephanie Heersink, Pam Ketchum and Nancy Ragar perform during Homecoming Rally.

**Seniors Outta Sight.** Dino Quinn, Sam Cousins, Scott McKenzie, Junior Shaird, Stefanie Wood, Darren Teeple, John Jenkins and Marcus Madrid rise to sing the school hymn at the close of a rally.

**Getting Stuck.** Phil Medrano goes for the tackle as John Klink and John Jenkins clean up.



# *the Participation*

by Jorge Dinis  
and Stephanie Heersink

**T**he Spirit of MHS still strides on past the 100 year mark with countless numbers of enthusiastic students, alumni and faculty members behind it. MHS has

been noted for its pride, spirit, and enthusiasm throughout its long history, and appears certain to continue its fame in the future with the upswing in participation and interest in athletic activities.

Entering their second year in the Valley Oak League, the Panthers proved to be tough contenders. The varsity football team almost made the playoffs while the freshman squad won the league championship. Tennis and cross country also left their mark in the VOL. The girls tennis team took second place and both the varsity and JV cross country teams won VOL championships.

Returning from a great season last year, the varsity basketball team kept MHS spirit high during the winter months with fast-paced, exciting games. With an abundance of talent, the powerful Panthers showed opponents what teamwork is all about. The wrestling, soccer, and track teams all worked very hard to stay in shape and to be in the best condition possible before meeting their competition.

Fundraising activities were largely successful, but most of all, they were fun to participate in and sales gave students a feeling of involvement. The money-making activities ranged from bake sales to candy, candle, and calendar sales. Attendance at football and basketball games was better than in recent years. The Turkey Trot and other school dances also enjoyed good turnouts which made a profit for the various clubs sponsoring them.

A big supporter of athletic activities was the MHS Booster Club. Consisting of approximately 150 to 200 people, the club could always be counted on to cheer the MHS players and coaches. During games the members could be heard yelling encouragement to the MHS squads, and group projects included helping the teams out financially.

Always working to increase Panther spirit and pride were the large squads of irreplaceable spiritleaders. Bigger and better than they have been for several years, the eight spiritleader squads helped cheer Panther teams to many victories by involving the spectators in their routines. Though stricter discipline policies meant a severe reduction in the number of dress-up days authorized by the administration, and afternoon rallies were limited to only two or three each quarter, these hindrances didn't stop the students' Panther Pride. □



**The Killer Stalks.** The executioner Phil Cearley, walks through the campus stalking his next prey.



**Jump for Joy.** The little man, Leslie Anglim, jumps excitedly as she is announced as a finalist in the costume contest.

**The Tension Mounts.** Debby Harris (baby doll) and Crystal Crowley (crazy woman) wait for the announcement of winners in a costume contest.



# Dress-up days still successful

by Dianne McHale

"A day to have a lot of fun, be crazy, and get involved in a school activity," is how one MHS student described dress-up days. Traditionally, dress-up days took place once a week during football season and once every few weeks during basketball season. This sometimes totaled 15 days throughout the year.

With so many days, participation among students was diminishing. Complaints were common from parents and faculty who believed that the dress-up days were affecting classroom performance. Stricter discipline led the administration to limit dress-up days to four per year. Despite an attempt by Rally Execs to persuade the administration to allow more days, the decision stood.

Fall Rally Commissioners Donna DeSimone and Denise

Presley chose 50s and Crazy Day as the fall dress-up days. These two were definitely the most popular. During Homecoming Week these days were used to promote spirit and to persuade students to dress up. A class competition was held, with alumnus Kenny Roberts, a KO93 disc jockey, helping students judge the costumes.

A variety of costumes were worn, including everything from clowns to playboy bunnies. The winner was Brandi Huntemann, dressed as a midget. Winners were awarded records and tapes from KO93 for dressing up.

Spring Rally Commissioners also used dress-up days to promote student involvement. Even though they were few throughout the year, dress-up days helped to break the monotony of everyday school routines and offered a chance for students to get involved. □



**Chick This Out.** "Struttin her Stuff" Abigail Williams takes a short stroll through the courtyard.





**The 50s Return.** Dianne McHale, Leslie Anglim, Jerry Miller, Rhonda Albright, and Michelle Simar pose together in their versions of 50s attire.

**Excuse Me, Ma'am!** Strolling to her next class, Sandra Contreras bats her lashes at a passing gent.



**Rap Session.** Taking a break, Michele Ehrler, Jana Rhine, and Kathy Verissimo talk about the crazy costumes.

**Clowning Around.** Kathi Dixon and Suzy Campbell clown around on their way to class.



**Bags, Bags, and more Bags.** On her search for more "goods," Bag Lady Jennifer Wells proudly displays her costume to friends.

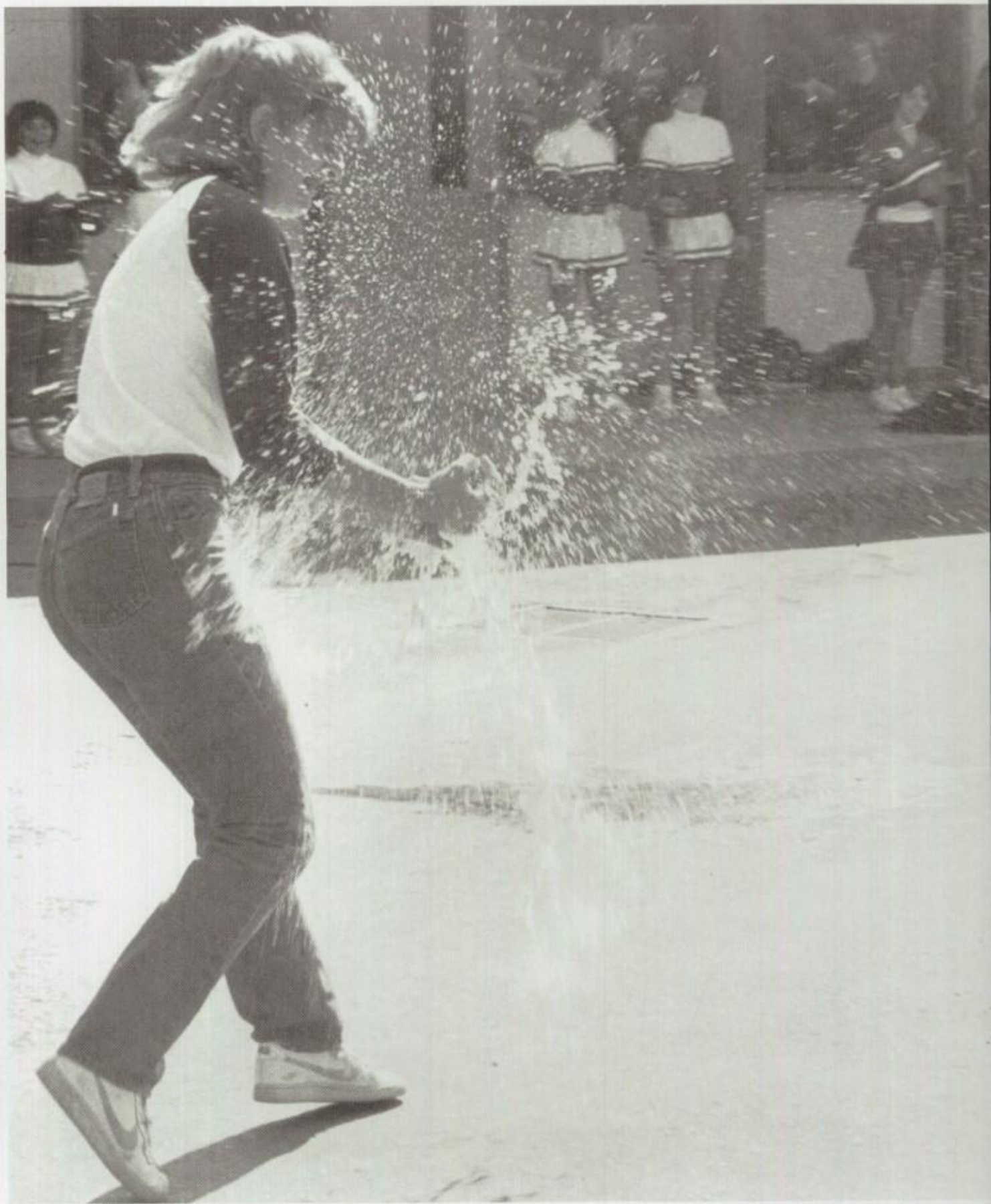


**Splish Splash.** In the class competition of the balloon toss, Gwen Dooley gets sacked with a bursting balloon.

**Come Watch Us Win!** At a football rally Coach Paul Abby encourages students to attend the game and support the team.



**Who's Number One?** KO93 DJ Kenny Roberts tries to stir enthusiasm among the students at a rally.



**Freeze or You're Dead!** Mascots Kris Lee and Lisa Negele perform a hilarious skit at a noon pep rally.

**Go Panthers!** Seniors Vince Furtado and Mike Goncalves show their Panther Spirit at a rally in the gym.





**All Hail to Thee . . .** Seniors and football players hold their index fingers high as they sing the school hymn.



**Don't Let It Fall.** Participating in a rally game, seniors Rhonda Albright and Joey Henriques try to keep the ball in place.

**Pedal Power!** Pedaling as fast as he can in the class tricycle race, freshman Paul Wright struggles to keep up with junior Richard Moreno.



## Limited rallies but spirit still strong

by Denise Presley



**Towering High.** The Modesto Junior College spiritleaders build a pyramid at the MHS rally at which they were the guests.

In 1983, due to student misconduct during rally-schedule days by students who didn't attend rallies, the administration reduced the number in each season to three afternoon and three lunch time rallies. This was a major reduction, since ten regular rallies and an unlimited number of pep rallies had been allowed in previous years.

Students and faculty alike enjoyed a break from the routine school day that spirit rallies provided. Rally commissioners, cheerleaders, athletes and students combined to make the rallies a great success. Two important goals of the people involved in rally were to present rallies that were fun to attend, and to promote school spirit and team appreciation.

Although there were fewer

rallies and dress-up days than in the past years, the rallies held were better and more appreciated. Some rallies were designed to follow a certain theme. Among these were the 50s rally, where spiritleaders wore poodle skirts, bobby socks and saddle shoes, and the space age rally, at which they donned "space suits" made of plastic garbage bags and space-age glasses. At one rally, some students demonstrated the newest dance craze of popping and breaking.

Hard work and dedication contributed to the quality of the rallies, as they proved to be the most spirited ever. Coach Paul Abby commented, "I've been here for 13 years, and I was really impressed by this year's rallies. They were well organized and had a good participation level." □



# Rally Shirt, new fee adopted

by Lori Howell

Although there were fewer rallies and only four dress-up days allowed by the administration, MHS spirit was contagious. Unlike previous years, membership in Rally increased and a red shirt with a Panther and MHS Rally printed on it was adopted as the new Rally outfit.

The longer period of time between rallies seemed to pay off in the long run, as it gave spiritleaders more time to perfect routines. "Fewer rallies gave us more time to work on our routines," stated varsity yell leader Michelle Simar.

The traditional rally sweater was not as evident. In its place was the new Rally Shirt which cost \$5.00. A \$2.00 fee was charged for students joining the

Rally organization. The Rally Shirt was chosen because it was more affordable than the rally sweater and it was felt more people would purchase the new shirt.

Under the leadership of the enthusiastic Rally Commissioners, Rally grossed hundreds of dollars throughout the year. Fall Rally Commissioner Denise Presley explained, "Our main money-making events were the Turkey Trot and the new Rally fee." Because of the revenue generated, fewer fundraisers were held.

General Rally continued to be one of the largest, most respected groups on campus. Everyone worked hard and stayed together, keeping the MHS Panther Pride going strong! □

**Red and Black Forever!** Lisa Negele stays after school to help decorate the hall for the upcoming rally.



**Murder Merced!** Stefanie Wood works hard to finish a sign for the next basketball game.

**Lunchtime Rally.** At a noon rally, a crowd of students, including some Rally and Pep Band members, gather in the courtyard to participate in the activities.







**The Winner Is...** Brandi Huntemann wins first place in the Halloween costume contest, and Jennifer Wells congratulates her.

**General Rally, front row:** Trena New, Twila Bowling, Sonya Oliney, Stana Smith, Donna DeSimone, Lori Howell, Michelle Simar, Yvette Loya, Debbie Vermeulen. **second row:** Sabrina Farris, Becky Peeper, Angel Senseney, Kel-

ly Dias, Theresa Brophy, Trish Womack, Sandra Contreras, Jennifer Wells, Monica Contreras, Regina Fajardo, Camilla Tillmon, Melinda Lee, Abbye Williams. **third row:** Dianne McHale, Debbie Emord, Dee Dee Wyeth, Melissa Jones, Jana Rhine, Pam Ketchum, Cindy Harrison, Leeann Gilbert, Rhonda Albright, Wendy Beauvais, Lynn Gorne, Shanie Bentley, Ruth Vera, Traci Thomas, Socorro Stroud. **fourth row:**

Judy Brink, Debbie Matney, Betty Chavez, Kris Wing, Michelle Letcher, Danita Swinburg, Sherrie Ryan, Janelle Jones, Robyn Grimes, Stephanie Cone, Alicia Ehle, Cheri Reim, Lori Thomas, Denise Presley. **back row:** Brenita Norris, Moria Golub, Jacy Lee, Gina May, Marnie Bradford, Katy McGrath, Erica Toso, Kim Wing, Kristin Lee, Nancy Ragar, Leslie Anglim, Rachel Cole, Tamara Scarbrough.



**I'm Going to be Sick!** Nick Smith stuffs in his last marshmallow at the marshmallow-eating contest.

**Cookies Next Week!** Katy McGrath shows her pride by decorating her secret pal's locker.



**Fish out of Water.** Lee Jarvis delicately catches a water balloon for the sophomore class team.

**Who Will Be Queen?** Assistant Principal Ron Hill and Principal Richard Lang are crowned honorary homecoming Queens at the Queen's Rally.



**In Action.** Fall Mascots Kris Lee and Lisa Negele liven up a rally.



**Watch Out!** Lisa Negele and Kris Lee guard the MHS Panther Spirit.

**Living It Up!** Robin Grimes and Danita Swinburg enjoy their terms as Spring Mascots.



**"Togetherness."** Fall Rally Commissioners Donna DeSimone and Denise Presley certainly had their act together.

**Painting Panthers.** Lisa Negele and Donna DeSimone prepare a sign for the upcoming game.





# Rally Commissioners keep spirit up

by Mike Toso



**We Believe In You.** Michelle Foust and Danita Swinburg raise their fingers in support as a free throw is attempted.

Although the number of rallies was cut by more than half, Panther spirit and support continued. Many students were angry because there were fewer rallies, feeling somehow discriminated against. The rally commissioners and other student leaders managed to persuade the administration to schedule a couple more than were originally planned, but they were still much more limited than in the past.

The turnouts at the rallies were great, as students came for many different reasons. The most popular was to support our sports teams. Unlike previous years, students who came were required to stay till the end, and soon most of them accepted the restraint. With index fingers raised during the school hymn, they showed everyone that MHS is

still number one.

Each rally was planned differently, so students could expect something new every time. The commissioners and rally members together decided programs for the rallies. The students involved worked hard to make the few rallies held successful.

Besides planning rallies, the commissioners and spiritleaders also stayed after school to design and paint signs showing our Panther spirit for games. These signs, painted in red and black, signified that the Panthers are and always will be "awesome." Said spring Rally Commissioner Pam Ketchum, "This basketball season has been really exciting! Sometimes it was very hard to promote spirit and get people involved, but with a lot of cooperation and hard work it was all worthwhile." □



**Important Announcement.** During a pep rally, Denise Presley informs students of a Panther winning streak while Mrs. Denise Hewitt and Donna DeSimone watch.



**Spring Rally Commissioners:** Susie Beckwith, Loree Oaks and Pam Ketchum.



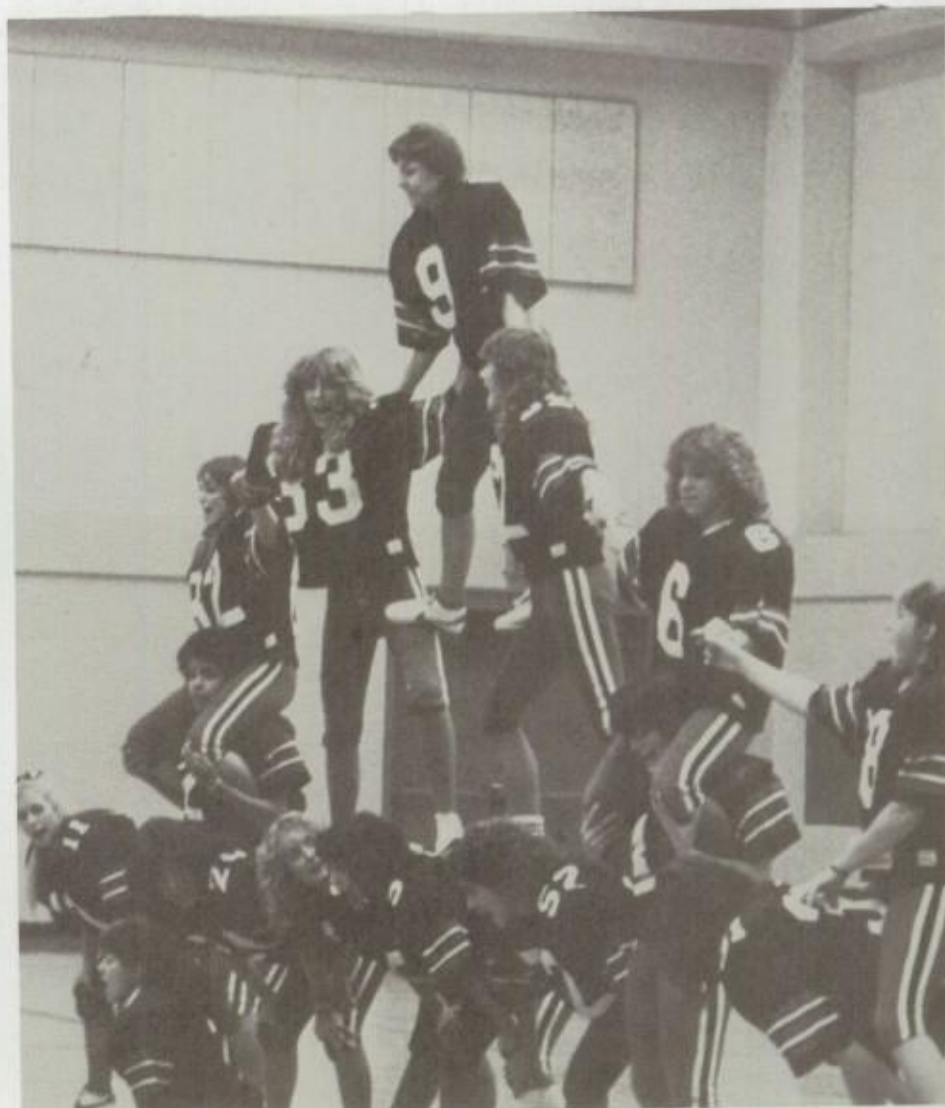
**Funny Face.** Robin Grimes dons a mask during a rally and watches crowd response.



**Teamwork.** At the freshman orientation, varsity songleaders Sabrina Farris, Melinda Lee, Pam Ketchum, and Chris Wing perform their award-winning song routine.

**Big, Mean & Tough.** At the kings rally the varsity "Bruisers" build a pyramid dedicated to the newly crowned royalty.

**Let's Go, Panthers!** Varsity Song and Yell leaders get the crowd going at the Modesto-East Union game.



## Larger squad improves spirit

by Sabrina Farris

To help promote more spirit and involvement on campus, last year's Student Council changed the size of the spiritleading squads, with the maximum number raised to 10 for each squad. Tryouts were held in the spring of '83. Nine songleaders and seven yell leaders were chosen for the fall varsity squads.

Both squads, consisting of ten seniors and six juniors, attended cheerleading camp at Fresno State University during the summer. They received Excellent pennants for their competition routines, along with numerous Superior and Excellent ribbons for individual work. As a group, their spirit and pride was rewarded with a Spirit Stick which they brought home.

Before and after camp, the squads held many fundraising activities, such as car washes and bake sales, to help pay for

camp, outfits, shoes, and other needed accessories. Each person spent approximately \$240.

Throughout August, all of the girls worked hard to get ready for the upcoming season. After school started, they practiced after school every day during the week to put together yell and song routines appropriate for each rally and game.

In past years, a rally was held every week, but due to non-participation and vandalism during rallies, there was a cut to only five rallies per season. Although many thought the cut to be unfair, it did give the spiritleaders more time to work on their routines without the pressure of a weekly rally.

"Working with such large squads did bring problems," stated head yell leader Dianne McHale, "but we always managed to work things out without losing the friendships we all maintained."



**All Hail to Thee.** Sabrina Farris and Stephanie Heersink put an end to the Davis pep rally by singing Modesto's favorite song.





**Ready...OK!** Varsity yell leaders Michelle Simar and Dianne McHale get set to perform their routine at the Davis per rally.



**Work those bodies.** Stephanie Heersink, Wendy Beauvais, Michelle Simar and Pam Ketchum have fun mocking the football team at the King's rally.

**Varsity Spiritleaders, front row:** Nannette Horney, Lori Howell, Michelle Simar, Dianne McHale, Leslie Anglim, Rhonda Albright, Yvette Loya. **back row:** Sabrina Farris, Pam Ketchum, Gina May, Stephanie Heersink, Kris Wing, Melinda Lee, Susie Beckwith, Wendy Beauvais, Nancy Ragar.

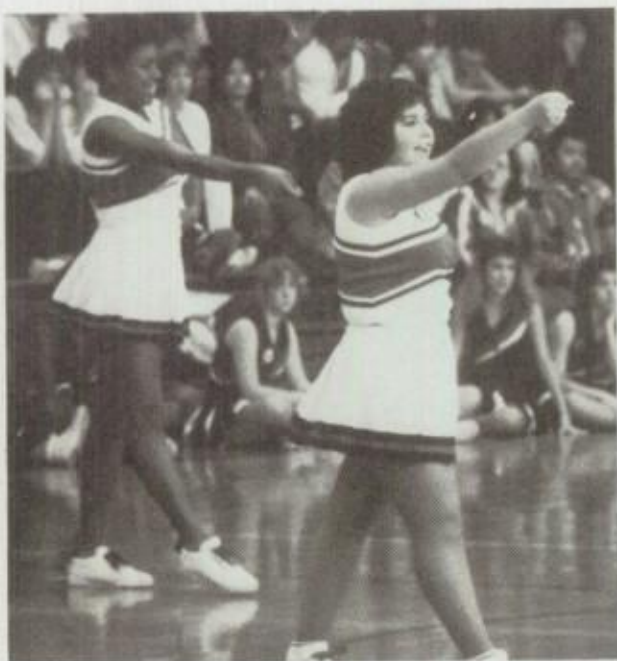


**Hi-Five.** Leslie Anglim and Rhonda Albright get the excitement going at the Modesto-East Union game.

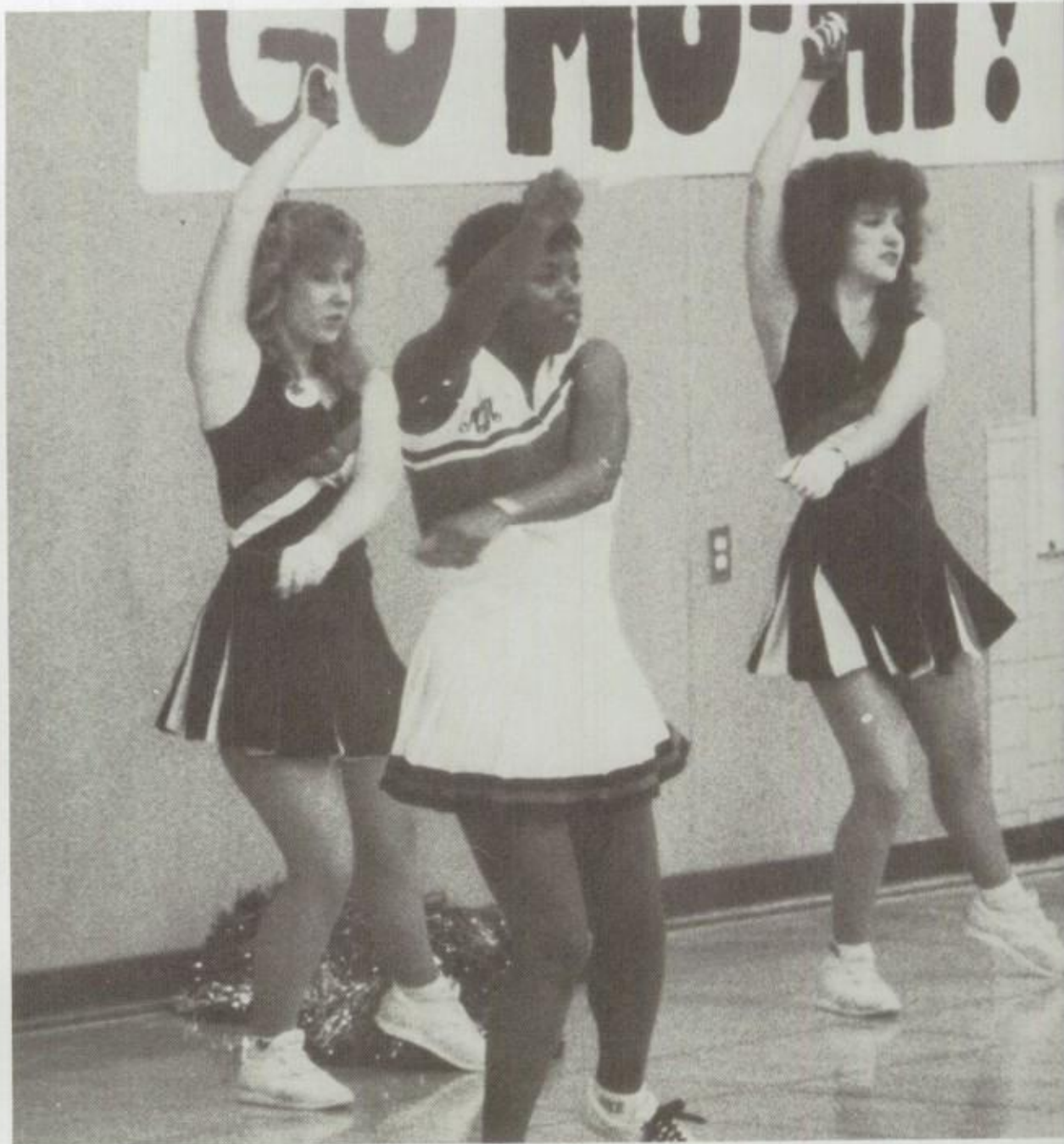


**Let's Go Panthers!** Varsity spiritleaders Shanie Bentley, Jacy Lee, Cindy Harrison, Donna DeSimone, Yvette Loya, Monica Contreras and Susie Beckwith (commissioner) lead the Panthers to another successful win.

**Panthers, Fight On!** Yell leaders Yvette Loya and Jacy Lee contribute to a great performance at the Kings' Rally.



**Score!** At a pre-league game, Jacy Lee, Donna DeSimone, Charlita Crane, Yvette Loya and Brennita Norris inspire the overcrowded gym full of Panther fans.



**Come On, Crowd!** Brennita Norris, Yvette Loya, Jacy Lee and Charlita Crane get the juniors to yell for the Pep-O-Meter.

**Concentration.** Senior songleader Kim Grimes, along with Charlita Crane and Cindy Harrison, performs her routine at the Manteca game.







**Teamwork.** During the Kings' Rally, yell leaders Jacy Lee and Donna DeSimone express their feelings about the awesome Panther team.



**Varsity Spiritleaders, front row:** Cindy Harrison, Camilla Tillmon, Kim Grimes, Charlita Crane, Shanie Bentley, Monica Contreras. **back row:** Brennita Norris, Yvette Loya, Donna DeSimone, Debbi Rios, Jacy Lee.



# Spiritleaders cope with fewer rallies

by Sabrina Farris



**Thriller!** Head songleader Camilla Tillmon performs for the crowd at the first pep rally.

**A**lthough the number of rallies was cut to five by the administrators, I think it was the best year I've had," stated head songleader Camilla Tillmon. This was the attitude of most of the spring Varsity Spiritleaders, who began early the previous summer preparing themselves for their season.

During the summer break, both squads attended a USA Spirit Camp. Unfortunately, they didn't get to go to the same camp, due to conflicting schedules. The songleaders went to Fresno State while the yell leaders spent their week at Santa Cruz. The Declaration of Spirit, a special award given only to a few schools, was awarded to the yell leaders for maintaining exuberant attitude and spirit throughout their stay at camp. The songleaders brought home an outstanding pennant for their competition routine to a medley

of Michael Jackson songs.

The six songleaders and five yell leaders held traditional fund raisers during the summer, such as car washes and bake sales. They also worked food booths at the 1983 Centennial BBQ and the Fourth of July Picnic which proved to be very profitable.

Practicing three and four days a week during the basketball season, both groups worked overtime to produce top-notch yell and song routines. This hard work provided entertainment for the student body and the crowds at halftime. The spiritleaders' efforts were greatly appreciated and helped boost the basketball team to another championship season.

At the conclusion of their season, head yell leader Donna DeSimone stated it best, "I really thought we did a great job this season. Everybody got along well and we all learned fast, which made it easier to perfect routines." □



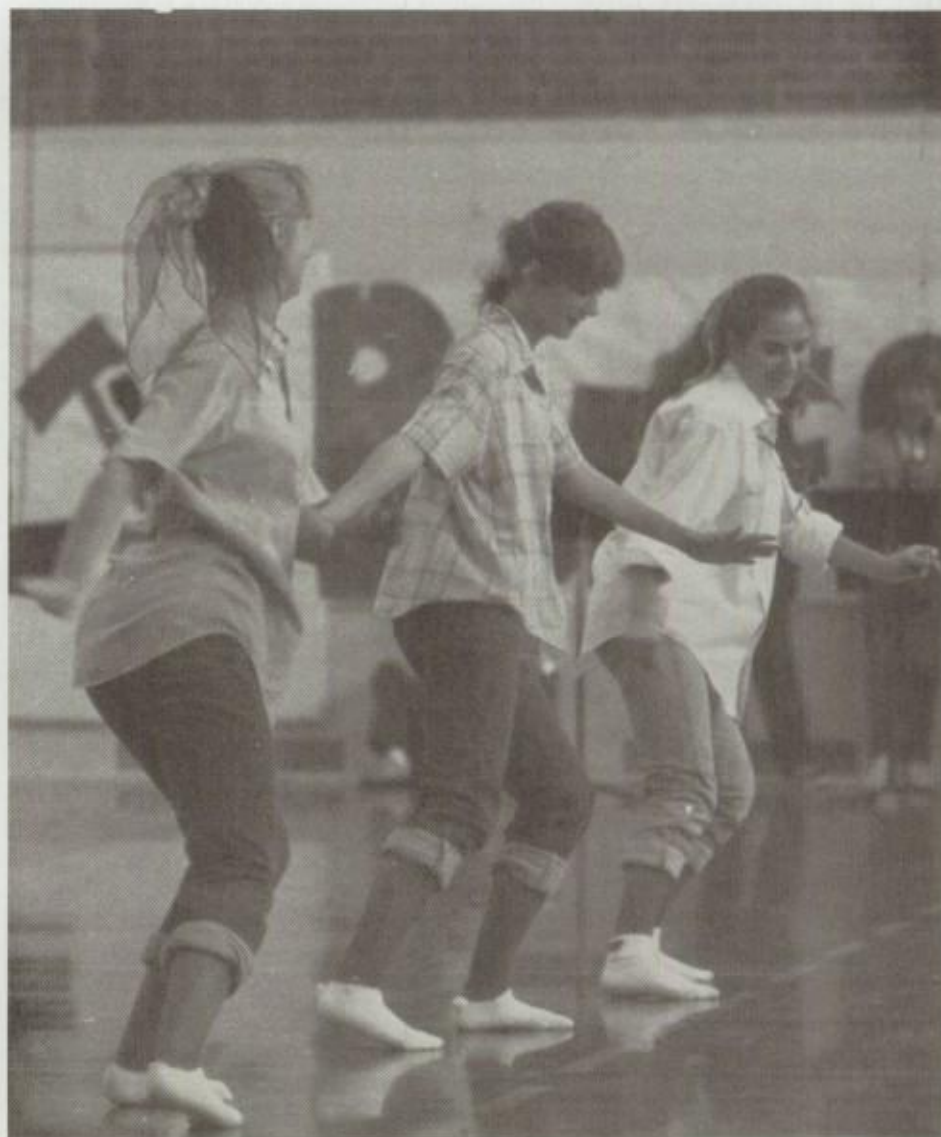
**Sound Off.** Giving a cry for victory, Moria Golub demonstrates her support for the team.



**Sophomore Spiritleaders, front row:** Jana Rhine, Karla Hill, Ruth Vera, Julie Emig, Lynn Gorne, and Shellie Wilson. **back row:** Berry Doll, Angel Raya, Melissa Jones, and M'Lina Nunez.



**Rock Around the Clock.** Julie Emig, Shellie Wilson, and Ruth Vera get into the swing of things at the 50's rally.



# J Vs maintain Panther pride

by Kim James



**Reaching for the Sky.** Ruth Vera and Shellie Wilson captivate their audience's attention with a spirit-sparking routine.

The job of spiritleading involved continuous activity of which enthusiasm was an integral part in maintaining class spirit and support, as freshman and sophomore spiritleaders soon discovered.

Devoting many long and tedious hours to practice, the freshman and sophomore spiritleaders set out to promote enthusiasm, loyalty, and pride among incoming students as well as returning Panthers. Their innovative style brightened the arduous hours of practice. Much effort went into planning rallies and coming up with spirit-sparking ideas. Much time was also spent earning money for outfits, camp, and other necessary expenses.

Although promoting spirit among the underclassmen was sometimes difficult, especially with the cut-back in afternoon rallies, all of the girls worked

hard to set a good example for the rest of the school. The vivacious freshman and sophomore cheerleaders exhibited exuberant spirit and dedication in their efforts to keep unity and pride alive at MHS. The enthusiasm and excitement generated by the spiritleaders helped to create a feeling of unity throughout the entire student body. As sophomore songleader Karla Hill stated, "It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it. I had fun."

Being a spiritleader was a wonderful thing, filled with excitement and sometimes defeat, but it was an experience to always be cherished with pride and remembered as a part of the Modesto High School tradition. The fantastic pride of the Modesto Panthers would be quickly lost unless their spirit affected everyone; for this we can thank the freshman and sophomore cheerleaders. □





**Grand Finale.** Vivacious sophomore songleaders Julie Emig, Shellie Wilson, Ruth Vera, Karla Hill, Jana Rhine and Lynne Gorne strike a stunning pose.

**Getting in the Spirit.** The freshman yell leaders revive the 50s spirit.



**Ready, O.K.** Moria Golub, Karen Matthews, Caroline Arias, and Stephanie Cone perform a routine at the Queen's Rally.

**Freshman Cheerleaders, front row:** Stephanie Cone and Caroline Arias. **back row:** Karen Matthews and Moria Golub.



**Back to Back.** At a noon time rally Jana Rhine and Karla Hill anticipate the beat of the music.



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## eserve squads handle shaky season

by Sam Gonzales

The frosh-soph cheerleading squads began the season a little shakily. "We started off badly, but with the help of our spirit advisor Denise Hewitt, we pulled things together," said frosh cheerleader Sonya Oliney.

The sophomore squad consisted of ten girls; six yell leaders and four songleaders. In order to perform well in rallies and for half-time at games, the girls put in many long, hard hours after school, working at perfecting their routines and yells. Most of the spiritleaders took their jobs seriously. During the summer, they attended cheerleading camp where they sharpened their skills and learned new moves for the coming year.

At the beginning of the season, the frosh squad experienced a few problems. But with the help of head cheerleader Lisa Smith, the six squad members were able to get together part way through the season and worked as a single unit.

Although neither squad won the cheerleading team competition, both squads placed high. The frosh squad took home a very competitive second.

Both squads displayed their enthusiasm on and off the court. Their MHS spirit shone in victories as well as in defeats. The frosh and soph cheerleading squads are looking forward to the coming years of chanting, yelling, and expressing their feelings for their school. □

**Let's Rock.** Songleader Lynne Gorne does her part during a halftime performance to "Thriller."

**Attention.** Anna Calderon, Lisa Smith, Erica Toso, Sonya Oliney and Jenny Rocque promote Panther Spirit at the freshman game.



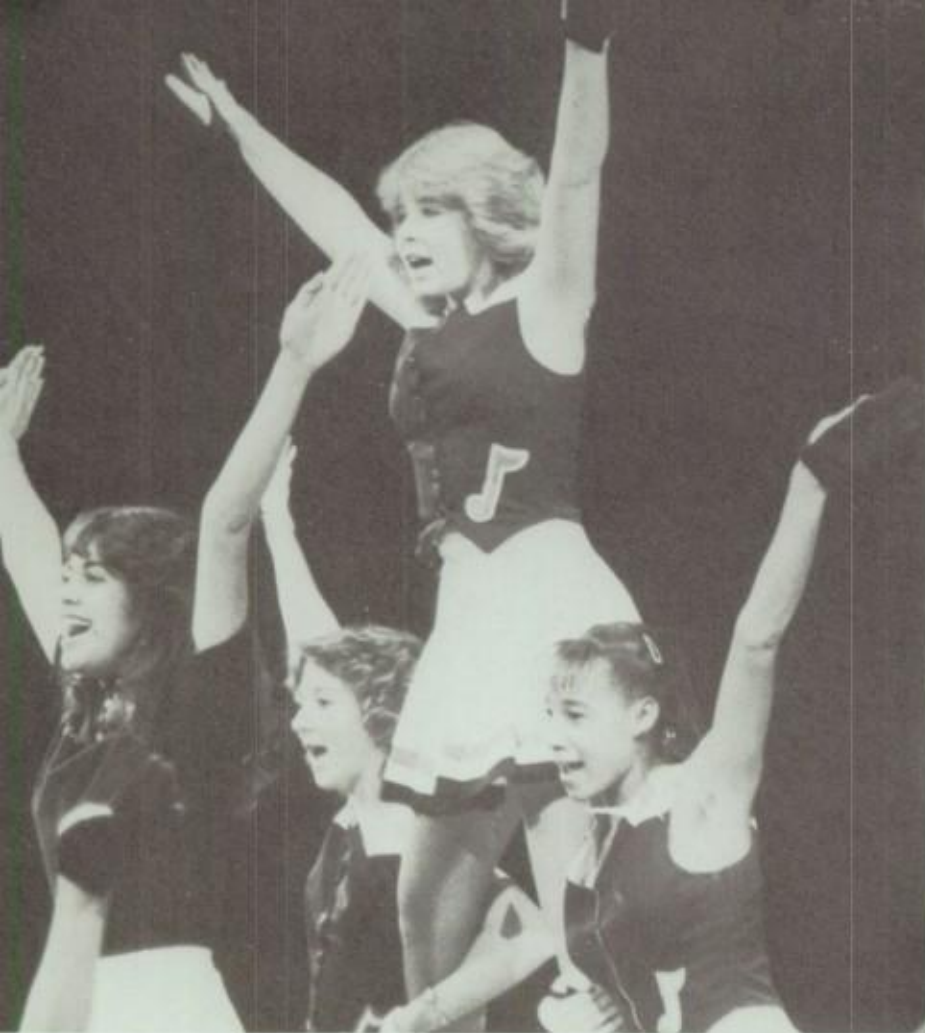
**Freshman Cheerleaders:** Lisa Smith, Erica Toso, Mona Owens, Anna Calderon, Sonya Oliney.

**Offense Jump to It!** Sonya Oliney and Erica Toso encourage the team to score.

**Ready, OK!** Frosh yell leaders Mona Owens and Lisa Smith begin their homecoming routine.

**We Will Win!** At the rally kicking off the basketball season, spiritleaders Angel Reya, Teresa Brophy, Stephanie Presley, Berry Doll and Melina Nuñez complete their routine.





**Full of Pride.** Melina Nuñez, Shellie Wilson, Samantha Lee and Julie Emig put an end on their combined routine.

**Sophomore Spiritleaders, front row:** Sharon Machado, Jennifer Jackson, Teresa Brophy. **back row:** Melina Nuñez, Samantha Lee, Berry Doll.



**On the Beat.** Sophomore song-leaders Jennifer Jackson and Shelly Wilson begin their homecoming routine to a medley of songs dedicated to the sophomore team.



**Way to Go.** Freshmen Jenny Rocque, Lisa Smith and Mona Owens watch their fellow cheerleaders perform their respective routines.



**Who Won?** Nominee Pam Ketchum and escort Jerry Miller wait for the varsity queens to be announced as Betty Chavez has just been crowned.



**MHS Women's Royalty, front row:** Betty Chavez, spring sophomore queen; Stephanie Heersink, fall varsity queen; Pam Ketchum, spring varsity queen. **back**

**row:** Rhonda Albright, fall varsity attendant; Bridgette Simmons, fall sophomore queen; Denise Presley, spring varsity attendant.



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**The Winning Smile.** Showing her excitement, Betty Chavez receives congratulations from escort Pete Stavrionadakias.



**Filled With Joy.** After being announced as Fall Varsity Attendant, Rhonda Albright steps forward to accept her crown while her father proudly watches.



**A Royal Escort.** During half time presentation Winter Varsity Attendant Denise Presley is escorted to the center of the court by Principal Richard Lang.

**I Can't Believe It!** Still in shock, Fall Sophomore Queen Bridgette Simmons gazes at her roses while 1982 Sophomore Queen Nancy Ragar and Rally Commissioner Donna DeSimone offer best wishes.

## New selection process for Queens brings satisfaction

by Dianne McHale



**Oh, Dad!** Sharing her excitement with her father, Fall Varsity Queen Stephanie Heersink gives him a tight squeeze.

**A**s a result of last year's controversy, the 1983-84 royalty was chosen by a different process. Last year, two juniors were selected as queens, bringing complaints that the system was unfair to seniors and to girls not well known to the athletic team members who voted.

To make the selection of queens fairer to all students, the Student Council passed new by-laws, requiring that the varsity queens be seniors, and giving every club on campus the opportunity to nominate any girl they wish. The entire student body voted for the nominees.

Another major change was the method of announcing the nominees. The top five varsity and top three sophomore nominees were announced and all the girls became part of the ceremony. The decision of whether to announce the queens at the rally or at the game was left up to the rally commis-

sioners.

During football the rally commissioners chose to announce the winners during half time of the homecoming game.

The football queen was Stephanie Heersink. A four-year member of Rally, a songleader and cheerleader since her freshman year, and a member of Block M, CSF, French Club, yearbook and softball, Stephanie's announcement as queen was not a surprise.

Varsity Attendant was Rhonda Albright. A member of Rally throughout high school, she was also a cheerleader for three years and a member of the basketball team and yearbook staff.

Sophomore Queen was Bridgette Simmons. An excellent athlete in basketball and track, she was well known for her academic and extra-curricular involvement.

The varsity basketball royalty was chosen a bit differently. With fewer nominees, the

queens were announced at the Rally rather than at the game. Pam Ketchum was chosen as Varsity Basketball Queen. A four-year Rally member as well as cheerleader and songleader, and a prominent member of the champion gymnastics team, Pam was also very active in speech.

Denise Presley reigned as Varsity Attendant. A rally commissioner, and four-sport athlete, she was also active in Student Council and yearbook.

Betty Chavez was chosen Sophomore Queen. She played basketball and was an excellent runner for cross country and track.

All six girls were involved in many activities, came from various backgrounds, and represented different parts of campus life. There was no dispute that they were picked for their achievements and contributions to the school rather than just for their popularity. □



# Up-dated nomination system provides

by Dixie Weststeyn

**T**he new nominating system for fall and winter kings provides a wider variety of nominees and is a fairer system than we have used in previous years. Most people seem happy with the new format," stated Mrs. Denise Hewitt, spirit advisor.

Instituted by the Student Council last fall, the guidelines for the new system stated that each recognized club would be allowed to nominate two people, one for sophomore king and one for varsity king. The nominee did not have to be a member of the club which nominated him, but could be anyone on campus whom the club felt deserved to be honored.

After the nominations were received, the entire student body was able to vote for a sophomore and either a junior or senior from the list of candidates. The recipients of the honor of royalty were very deserving, as they

have all contributed greatly to school spirit and extracurricular achievement.

The fall winners were Sophomore King Robert Page, Varsity Attendant Sean Wani and Varsity King Mike Goncalves.

Robert Page was a sophomore member of the varsity wrestling team, and has also played football and baseball.

Senior Sean Wani has been active in band, speech and wrestling, and is Student Body President and business manager for the yearbook, while senior Mike Goncalves was a corner-back on the football team.

The process used in the fall was repeated for the selection of winter kings. This time, the Sophomore King was Lee Jarvis, with Anthony Matthews and Brian Kelly named Varsity Attendant and Varsity King, respectively.

Lee Jarvis, a sophomore, was involved in wrestling, football,

**Waiting . . .** Anthony Matthews shows his pleasure after being announced as a member of the winter royalty.

**Congratulations!** Receiving warm wishes from rally members and cheerleaders, Winter Varsity King Brian Kelly walks down the red carpet.



**"I Won!"** Melissa Jones and Jana Rhine lead Fall Sophomore King Robert Page toward the platform to receive his crown.

**Victory Smile.** Mike Goncalves, Fall Varsity King, receives a hug from "football player" Michelle Simar.



**The Winning Team.** Lee Jarvis, Brian Kelly and Anthony Matthews were chosen as Winter Royalty.



# vider variety of choices for Kings

baseball and band.

Both Anthony Matthews and Brian Kelly are seniors, and both have been outstanding members of the champion varsity basketball team for the last two years.

Although all clubs were allowed to nominate, only about half did. This lack of participation was partly due to unfamiliarity with the new process, and because some clubs met very rarely and others didn't have a chance to call a general club meeting before the nomination deadline.

Many students felt the new system was better than the old, for it allowed more people to be eligible as candidates and it enabled the entire student body to vote for the most deserving people. For the first time, the kings and attendants did not need to be the typical football or basketball star to be selected; instead, the title became accessible to all MHS males. □



**The Long Walk.** Escorted by Melinda Lee, Fall Varsity Attendant Sean Wani heads toward his throne.



**MHS Men's Royalty, front row:** Lee Jarvis, spring sophomore king; Robert Page, fall sophomore king. **back row:** Mike Gon-

calves, fall varsity king; Brian Kelly, spring varsity king; Sean Wani, fall varsity attendant; Anthony Matthews, spring varsity attendant.



**Breaking Through.** Kenny Leer powers his way through another Beyer defender.

**Can't Stop Me Now.** Stunning Dino Quinn makes an attempt to break through three Beyer opponents.



## Panthers fumble playoff chance

by Denise Presley  
& Rhonda Albright

With eight returning seniors, only three of which started last year, inexperience was definitely a factor to contend with for the Varsity Football Team. "We did better than we expected this year considering the experience we lacked," commented defensive coach Mike Kiyoi.

The Panther overall record was 4-6, and in league play they were 2-2. "This record is really not a true indication of the year we had," stated head coach Butch Mendonca. The Panthers placed second in the VOL and came within a

game of getting a playoff berth. They also played a very tough pre-season schedule.

The year began with a home game against the Beyer Patriots at MJC. The Panthers dominated the whole game both offensively and defensively. The final score was Modesto 6, Beyer 3. In this game, special recognition was given to Darren Teeple and Jesse Mendoza for outstanding play throughout the game.

"If you could take away their first play of the game in which they scored, the game would have been a different story," Coach Jim Bertucci

explained about the game against Central. The final score was Modesto 6, Central 20. Outstanding players in this game were Keith Waters and Kenny Leer.

In the game against traditional rivals Downey, the MHS squad experienced a complete collapse of the team both physically and mentally. The final score was 33-0 in favor of the Knights. David Wilson and Keith Waters were recognized for giving 110 percent throughout the game.

Next the Panthers faced Davis, a formidable opponent. "It was supposed to be a

game of rebuilding after the previous week's loss to Downey," stated Coach Mike Kiyoi. Yet the results were equally disastrous, with the final score a 30-0 loss to the Spartans. Outstanding players for MHS were Joey Henriques and Marcos Madrid.

Against Turlock the Panthers played their best game of the season. Even though the score was 26-3, this game was significant, because it showed a whole team effort. Outstanding contributions in this game were seniors Sam Cousins and Darren Teeple.

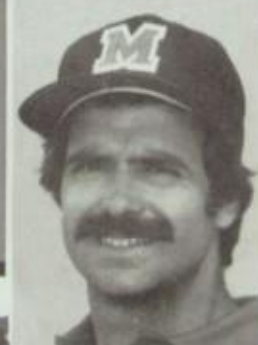
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**Get Off Me.** Junior Morey Bland prepares to break the field for another touchdown.

**I Gotcha Now!** Senior Keith Waters tackles a Lancer from East Union.



Varsity Football		
W-4 — L-6		
Modesto	Opponent	
6	Beyer	3
6	Central	20
0	Downey	33
0	Davis	30
3	Turlock	26
21	Sonora	3
8	Manteca	24
21	Oakdale	6
3	East Union	17
21	Washington of Fremont	13

Head Coach Butch Mendonca.

Assistant Coach Mike Kiyoi.

Assistant Coach Jim Bertucci.



**Jammin'.** MHS Panther Dino Quinn leaves a Beyer defender behind on an attempted tackle.

**Just Try It!** Robert Berry, Dino Quinn, and Sam Cousins show how an exciting tackle is done.

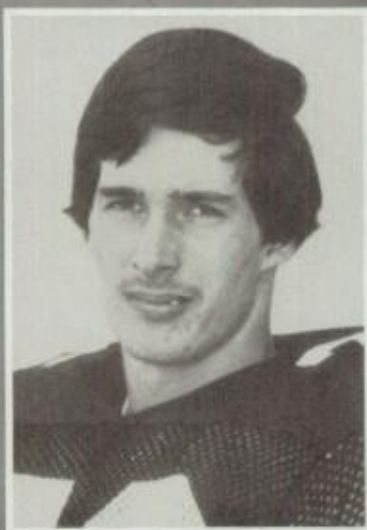
**Varsity Football Team, front row:** Marcos Madrid, Dino Quinn, Jim Johnson, Scott McKenzie, Robert Ott, Mike Toso, David Wilson, Morey Bland, Orlando Madrid, Johnny Klink. **second row:** Mike Kiryakoz, Kenny Leer, Jessie Rivas, Lupe Angel, Mike Goncalves, Roy Mims, Pat Peterson, Albert Cardoso, Steven Lal, Jeff Shafer. **third row:** Phil Medrano, Tim Gorne, Martin Rico, Humberto Urquidez, Walter Sutton, Coach Bizzini, Coach Mendonca, Coach Kiyoi, Coach Bertucci, Charlie Light, Larry Bland, John Jenkins, Sean Sickert. **back row:** Phillip Cearley, Sonny Nash, Jesse Mendoza, Keith Waters, Joe Henriques, Sam Cousins, Junior Shaird, Robert Berry, Darren Teeple, Clarence Cunha.



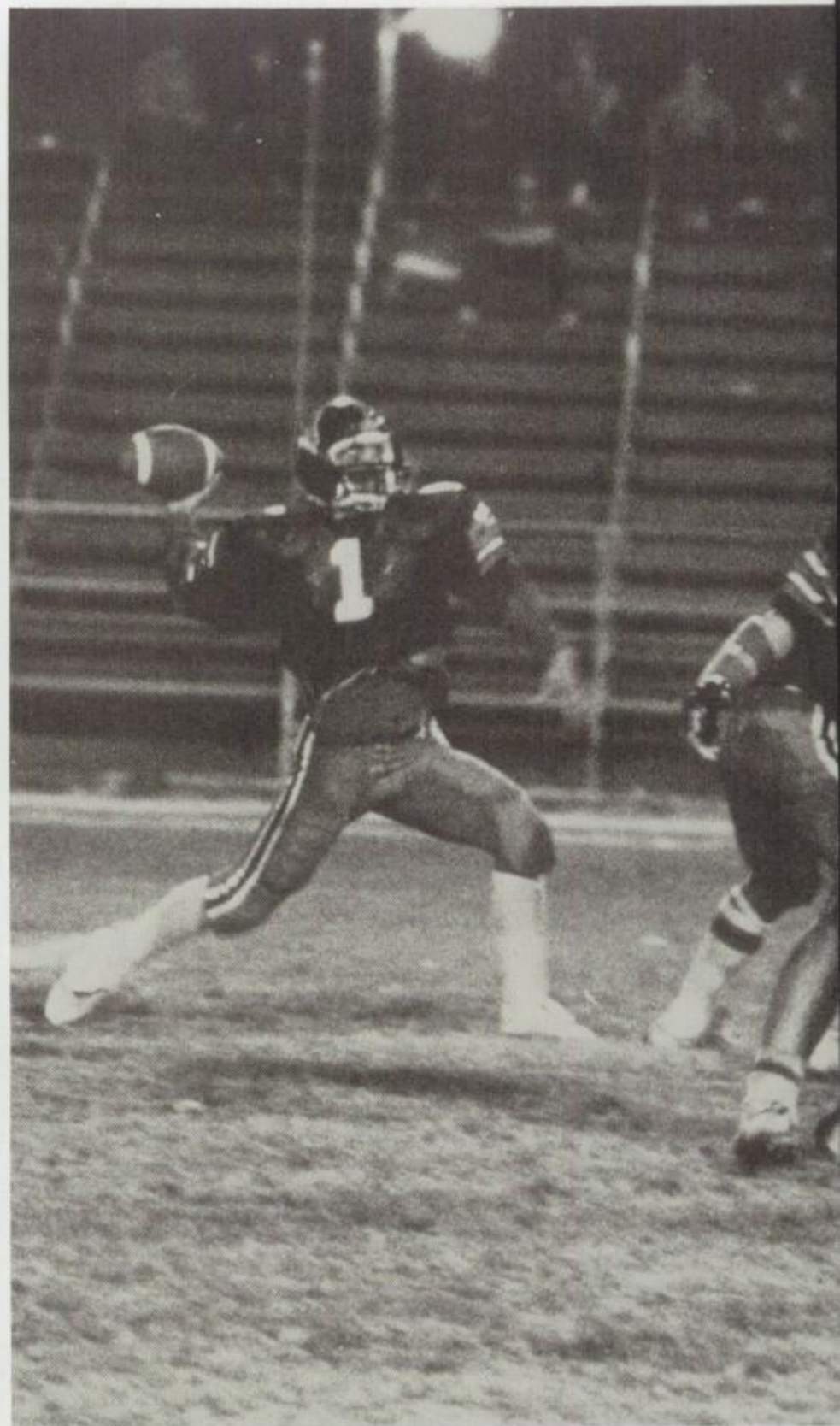
**What a Guy!** Quarterback Dino Quinn rears back for yet another completed pass.

**B**eing a lineman is not generally thought of as a rewarding position. Just ask Darren Teeples, who has played that position all four of his years at MHS. "While you're on the field you feel great and you know when you've made a good play. Then when the game's over it's the guy you blocked for who gets all the glory!"

But Darren's consistency has won him recognition at last. This year he was named Captain, Player of the Week in the Bee, and All-League First Team; previously he had won the Coach's Award and All-League Honorable Mention.



Darren Teeples



**A Handoff!** Second string quarterback David Wilson hands off to a barreling Sam Cousins.

**A Job Well Done.** Junior guard John Jenkins does his job as he sacks the quarterback while Jesse Mendoza (88) watches approvingly.

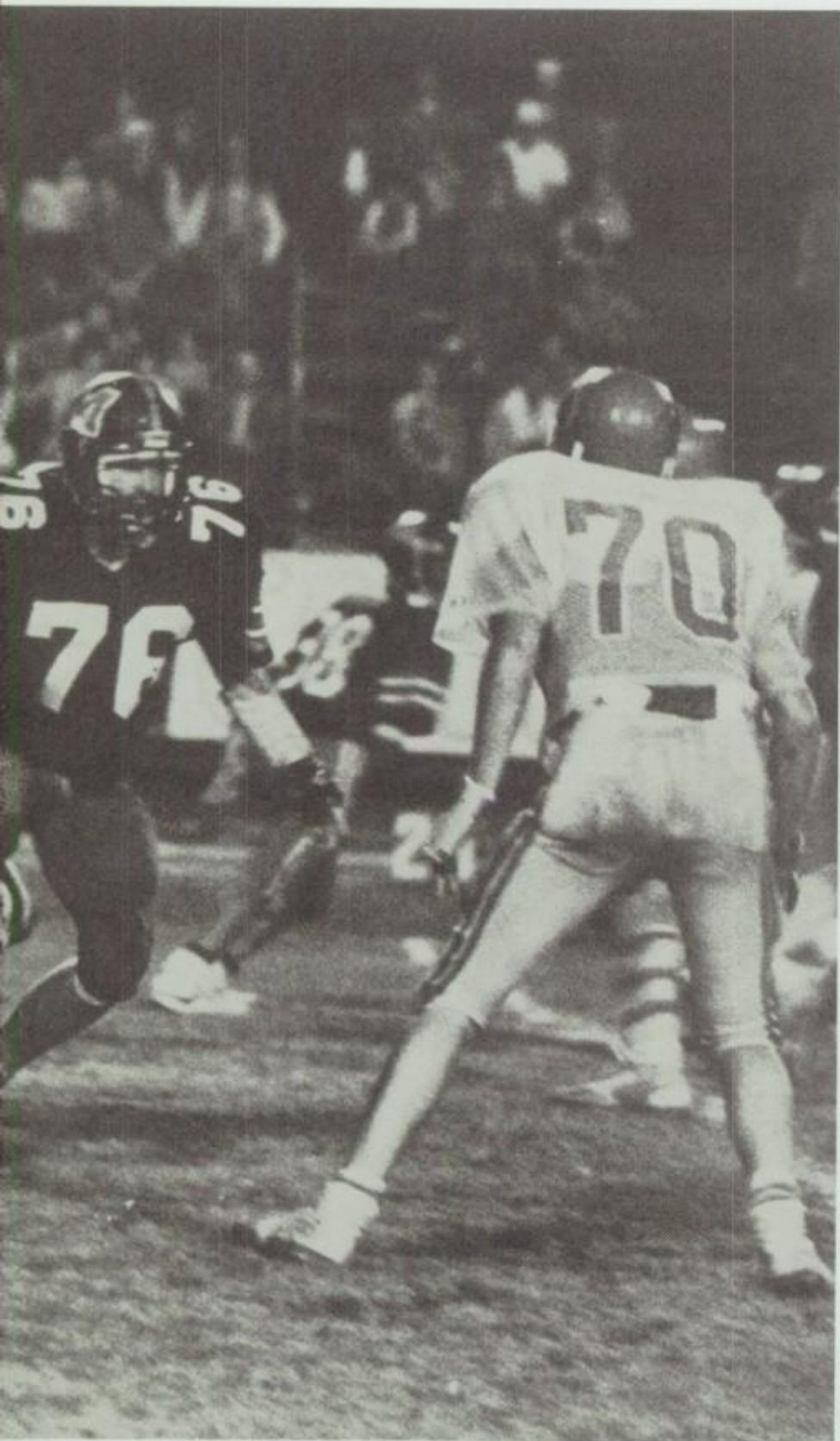


**Get Out of My Way!** Kenny Leer attempts to break through another opponent as Sam Cousins (8) and Darren Teeples block for him.



**Up, Up, and Away!** Senior Sam Cousins skillfully punts the ball deep into the opponent's territory.

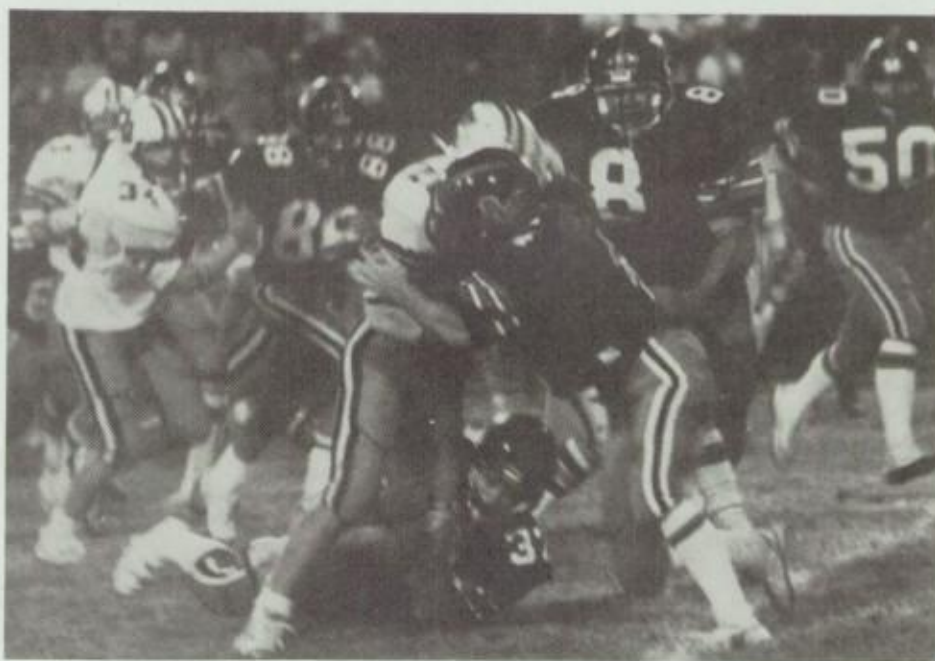




**Standing Alone.** Junior running back Morey Bland skillfully eludes all defenders as he runs for the goal line.

**Break Through for Two.** Kenny Leer successfully carries the ball for a two point conversion after a touchdown.

**Stick 'Em Hard.** Senior outside linebacker Kenny Leer sticks an unsuccessful Manteca running back.



## Fifth straight homecoming win

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The Panthers opened league play against Sonora at the Wildcats' home field. On this night the Panthers seemed unstoppable on offense and the defense held equally strong. The final score was 21-3 for Modesto. John Jenkins and Philip Medrano both received recognition for a great game.

Against Manteca, the Pan-

thers experienced yet another let down, the breakdown of a few key players who didn't play to their potential. The result was another Panther loss, this one to the Buffaloes 24-8. Panthers who gave their all in this game were Sam Cousins and Marcos Madrid.

Then came Homecoming and oh, what a night it was! The Panthers corralled the Oakdale Mustangs 21-6, causing a total of 4 turnovers and winning their fifth straight

homecoming game. Outstanding players were Kenny Leer and Walter Sutton.

After the win against Oakdale, the Panthers faced East Union with a playoff berth at stake for MHS. The Panthers lost 17-3 to the Lancers due to inexperience and attitude. With the loss went the opportunity to be co-champions of the league. In this game Sam Cousins and Mike Goncalves were cited for outstanding play.

The last game of the 1983 season was a non-league match against Washington from Fremont. It was a game in which the Panthers never gave up, winning by a score of 21-13. "The fact that they played as well as they did just shows how much pride the Panthers have. They went out to play well and won a game that didn't mean anything. It was just a matter of pride," commented Butch Mendonca. □





### Sophomore Football

W-1 — L-7 — T-2

Modesto	Opponent	
6	Beyer	25
0	Central	0
14	Downey	28
0	Davis	0
7	Turlock	8
6	Sonora	28
14	Manteca	35
12	Oakdale	0
9	East Union	20
0	Washington of Fremont	41

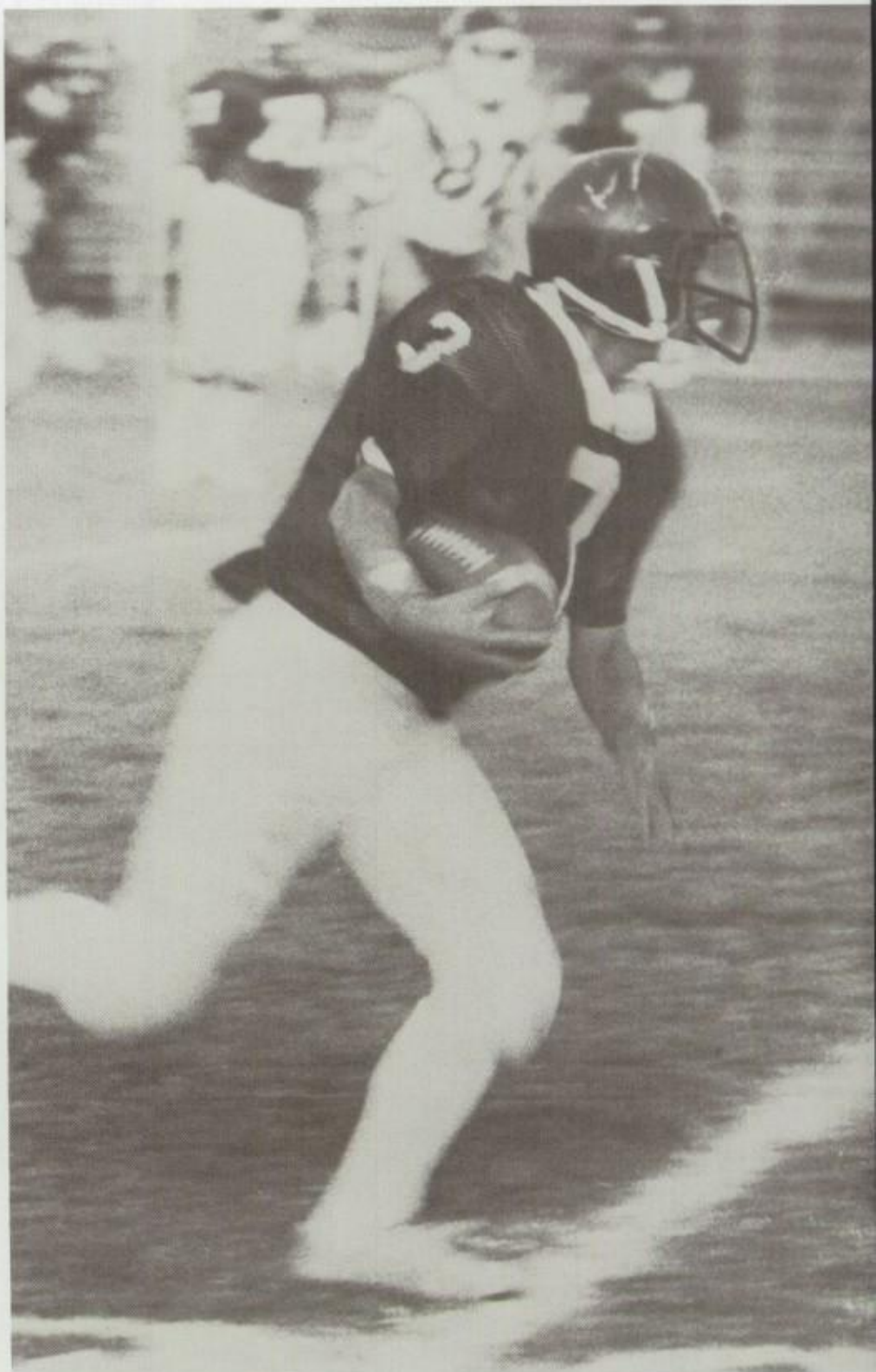
Head Coach Russ Garcia

Assistant Coach Kenny Forbus



**Sophomore Football Team,**  
**front row:** Lee Jarvis, Cregg Earley, Carlos Peral, Robert Page, David Ramirez, Mario Gonzalez, Jerry Fox, Robert Jackson. **middle row:** Coach Russ Garcia, José Sarmiento, Esman Gomez, Fred

Davis, Paul Wright, Jim Hendricks, Rick Arias, Bobby Holloway, Tony Buenrostro, Coach Kenny Forbus. **back row:** Richard Rushing, Donnie Worsham, Bobby Nelson, David Baker, Veeray Lout, Myron Warren, Bill Sciarini, Louie Bland.



**Opening Up the Gap.** Robert Page blocks an oncoming opponent while David Ramirez gains yardage.

**Sacked!** Pulled down by an opponent, quarterback Brian Nelson keeps a firm hold on the ball.



**Where Are You?** Scrambling to his right, Brian Nelson tries to find an open receiver.







**See You at the Goal Line.** Running swiftly, David Ramirez passes a Manteca player, scoring a touchdown.

**Scrambling in the Backfield.** Quarterback Brian Nelson looks for a receiver to complete his pass.



**Running Freely.** Robert Page runs for an awesome touchdown.



**Completion!** Another perfect pass leaves the hands of quarterback Brian Nelson.

**Hand-Off!** David Ramirez grabs the hand-off from quarterback Brian Nelson.

# Cats get first taste of defeat

by Zusi Zuniga

After winning the VOL championship as freshmen, The Sophomore Panthers endured a tough season but gained a lot of experience and learned more about sportsmanship. "Our team worked hard all season, but it just didn't seem to pay off. In spite of that, we're looking forward to having a winning team again next year," stated Robert Page.

The young Cats fought some close games against Central, Davis, and Turlock. In

the battle against Central, the game ended in a tie with neither team able to score any points. It was a good game in which the defense did a great job in keeping the Raiders from scoring. The game against Davis High was also a "no score" situation ending in a tie. The game against Turlock was a tough one in which the Panthers lost to the Bulldogs 8-7.

The sophomores' only victory was against the Oakdale Mustangs in the Panthers' Homecoming Game. The

young Cats played hard and it paid off, with MHS shutting out the Mustangs 12-0. Though it was their only victory, it was a great one, and showed that the sophomores hadn't lost their stuff.

Head coach Russ Garcia and assistant coach Kenny Forbus also worked hard. They devoted a lot of their time and energy to the young Panthers. They worked with the players during the summer and all through football season, planning their strategies and developing the

team's offensive and defensive skills. Garcia and Forbus not only helped the Cats build up their skills but also their spirit, which gave the team support and leadership.

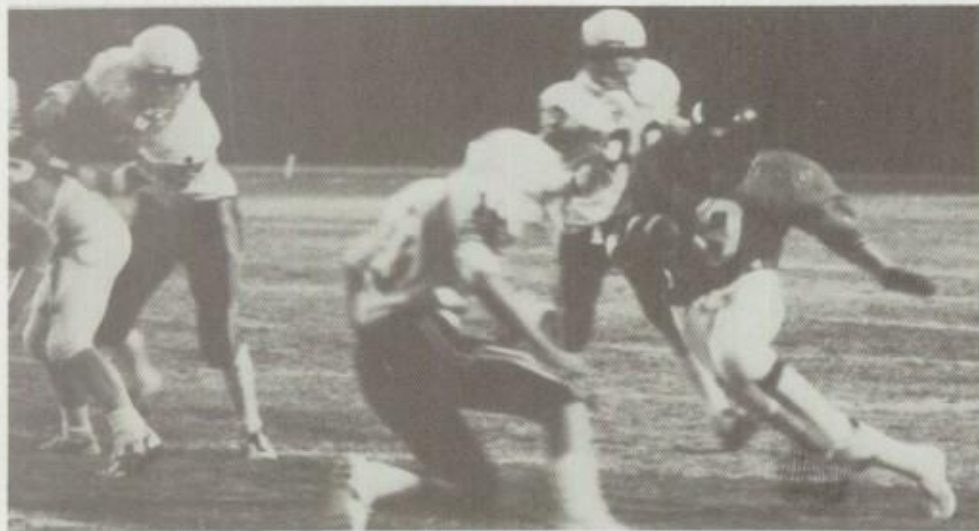
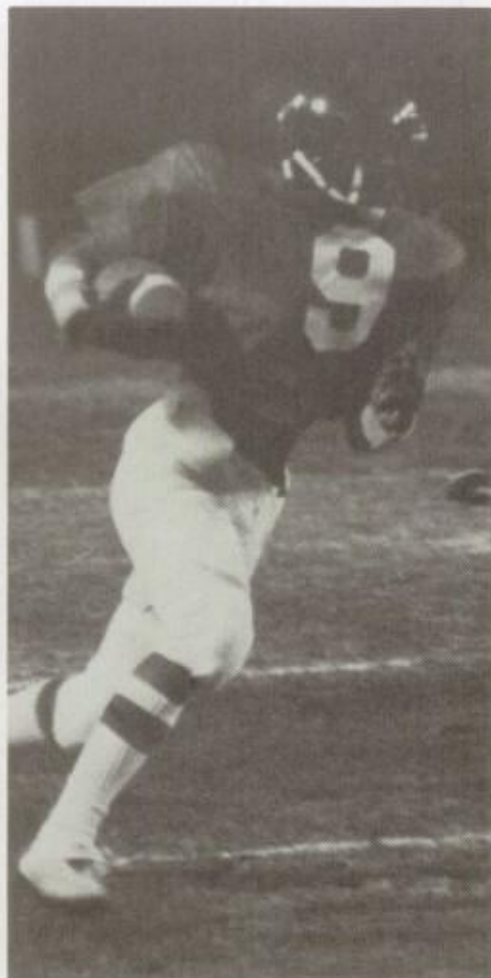
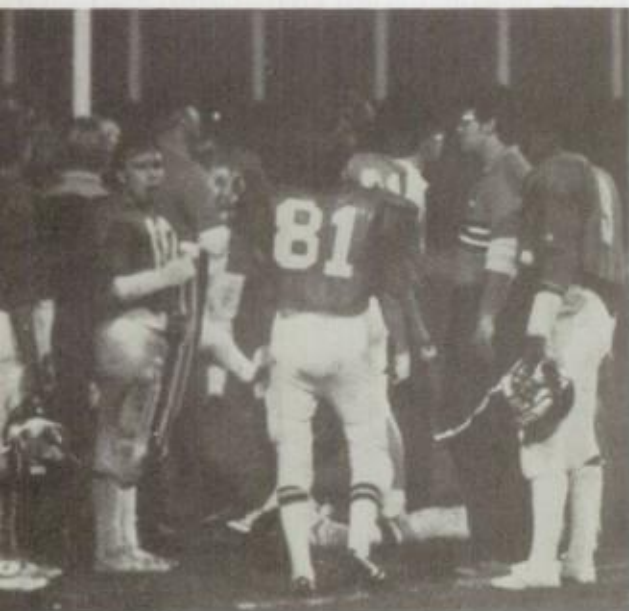
Throughout the season, the sophomore players never gave up; they stayed in despite tough battles and fought until the end. Their Panther Pride never died. "I feel that we had a good team and we were better than what our record said. It was just a bad season for us all," said linebacker Louis Bland. □



**Hold on Tight.** Running back Alvin Grays carries the ball down the field for a possible touchdown.

**Pep Talk.** Assistant Coach Dan Guzzi gives the freshman team some words of advice.

**Coming Through.** Alvin Grays takes the ball from an East Union lineman during the final moment of the game.



## Kittens grab VOL championship

by Michelle Azevedo

The powerful Freshman Football Team started out the season with an 18-8 victory over Central. However, their second game was a loss, the only one of the season, to Downey. The following week the young Panthers tied with Davis 0-0, their last experience out of the winning column. With only one loss and one tie, the Kittens closed the season with a victorious 6-1-1 record, once again capturing the championship in the VOL and

showing coaches and student body what a talented group of athletes the freshman team had.

The team had a strong offensive and defensive line that progressed a great deal during the season. The amount of points scored by the offensive line was greater than in previous years. The quarterback position is easily one of the most demanding positions but John Daily was an asset to the team and did an all-around good job throughout the season. According to Coach Paul Abby, even the players who weren't

starters, when brought off the bench, also did well and were an asset to the team.

Many players demonstrated great leadership potential, including John Daily, Dave Dunkin, and Ty Medrano. They were the leaders during the games and in practices, helping to keep Panther spirit and unity strong throughout the season. Stated Dave Dunkin, defensive lineman, "I think our success came from hard work, a good attitude, and an experienced coaching staff. I feel privileged that I was part of the 1983-84 freshman football team."




At the Fall Sports Banquet Alvin Grays was chosen as most valuable player offensively; Dave Dunkin was picked as MVP defensively; and Jesse Ingram received the Most Improved Player award.

Coach Abby praised his team at the banquet, "Overall, I am very pleased with the outcome of the season. We had a good defense and a consistent offense. We were helped by two great assistant coaches, Marty Boer and Dan Guzzi. I feel this freshman team will make an excellent sophomore team next year."





**Ummph!** Dave Dunkin and Bill Birt come to the assistance of Alvin Grays as he tackles a Central opponent.

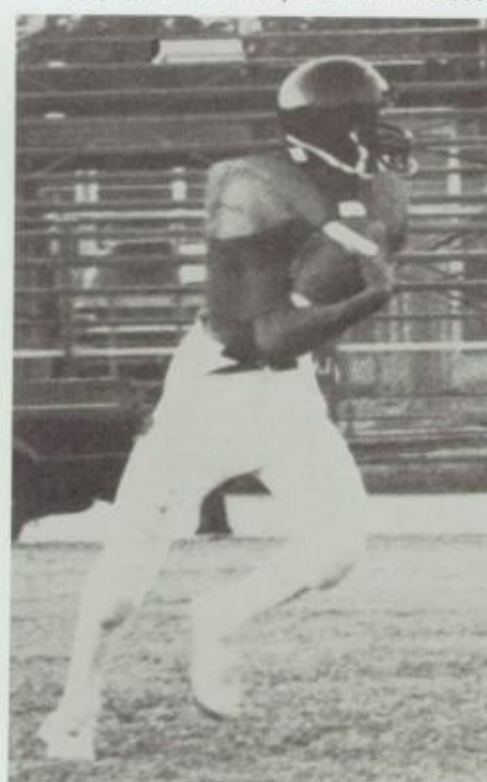
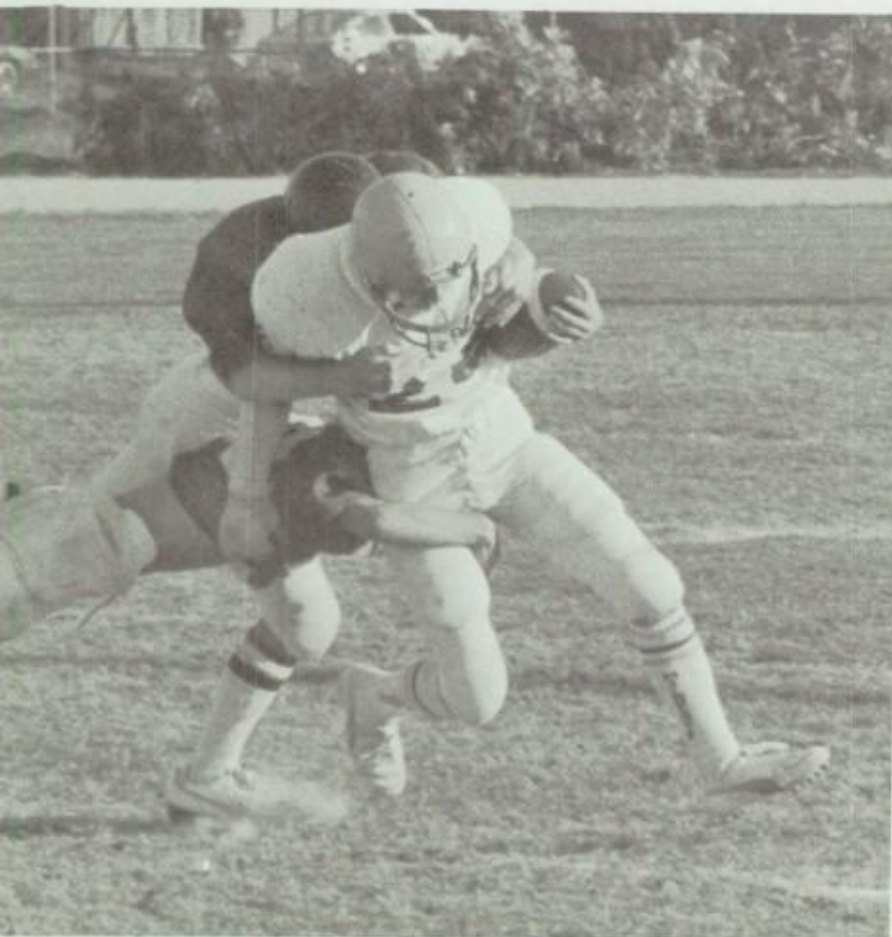
Paul Abby	Dan Guzzi	Marty Boer	Freshman Football W-6 — L-1 — T-1		
			Modesto	Opponent	
			18	Central	8
			20	Downey	26
			0	Davis	0
			12	Turlock	6
			21	Sonora	0
			28	Manteca	13
			33	Oakdale	9
			34	East Union	7



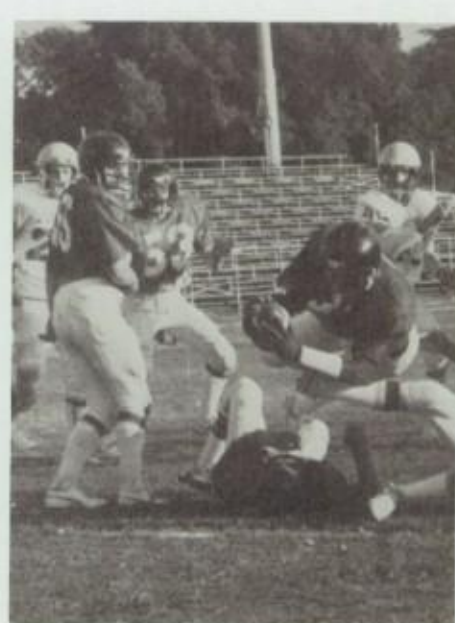
**Freshman Football Team, front row:** Wayne Unruh, Jared Lehman, Toby Corbin, Chris Liddle, Mike Williams, Frank Naylor, Gerald Aganza, Ben Johnson, Frankie Scott, Dean Waring. **second row:** Ronnie Jenkins, John

Negele, Jesse Ingram, William Stroud, Shaun Calabrese, John Moreno, Rob Castillo, John Daily, Steve Layee, Eddie Meyer, Bobby Harrison. **third row:** Johnny Cope, Donovan Walker, Joe Gwerder, Ty Mediano, Corey Probst, Donnie Lee, Darrin Heister,

Dave Dunkin, Barney Joe Arias, Gary Alexander. **back row:** Jimmy Puricelli, Alfredo Flores, Jim McGrath, John Honeycutt, Mike Harris, John Street, Alvin Grays, Aaron King, Bill Birt, Sam Bans, Sherman Gisler, Jimmie Harrell.



**Hang On.** MHS Panthers put the hold on a Davis opponent.



**Look Out Below.** Teammates Dave Dunkin and Johnny Cope look on as Alvin Grays hurdles over a fellow player and into the end zone.

**Don't Let Go!** Alvin Grays takes the ball down the field for more yardage.



**Keeping In Step.** Breezing in for another victory, John Shaw maintains his top form.



Coach José Guerrero

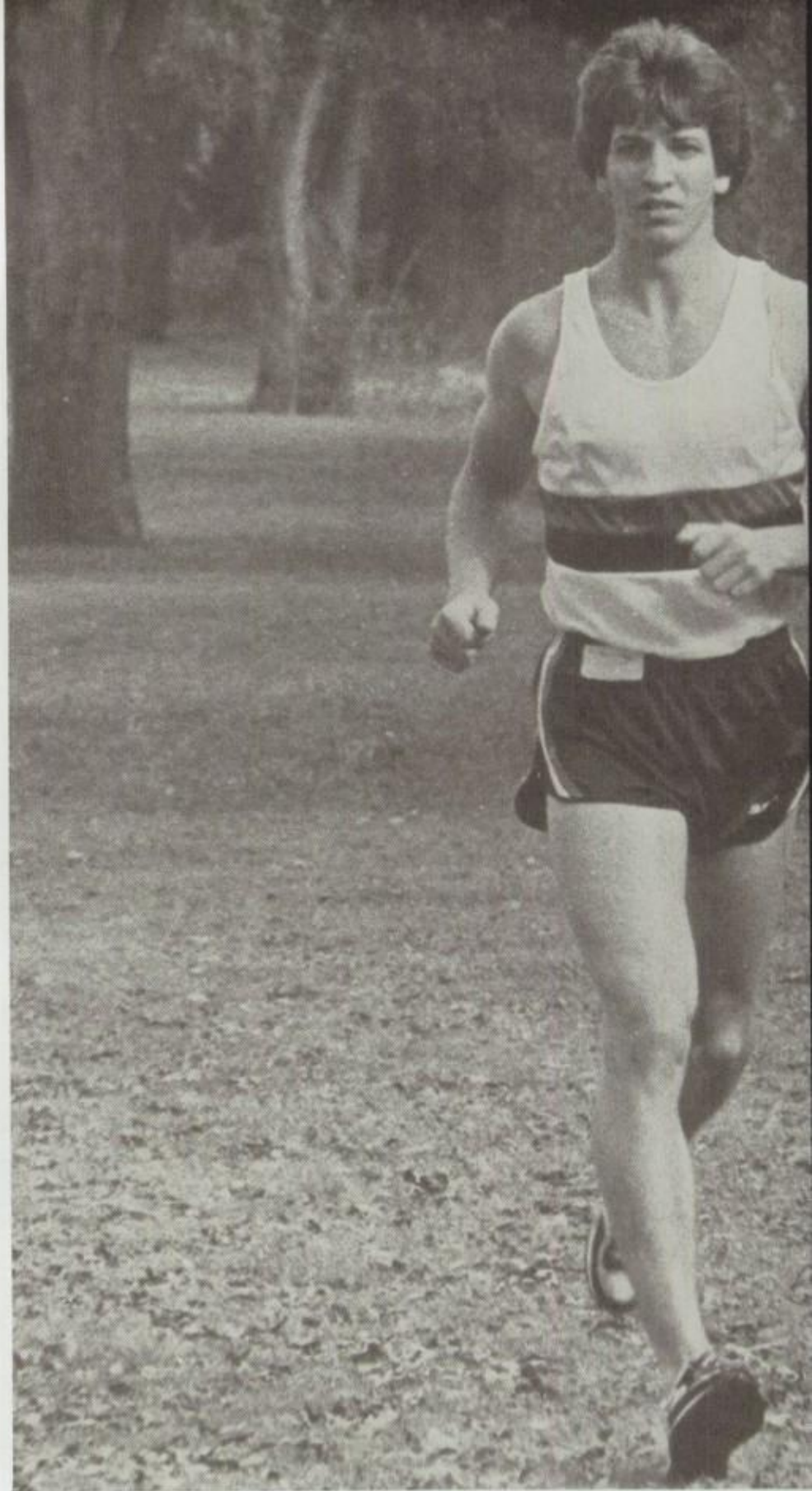
**Varsity  
Cross Country  
W-4 — L-0**

Modesto	Opponent	
20	Oakdale	33
15	Sonora	44
26	Manteca	30
18	East Union	39

also won League Meet



**Cross Country Team, front row:** Kem Chantha, Roberto Centeno, Jessie Silva, Jim Burkhardt, Betty Chavez, Cito Madrigal, Becky Peeper, Alfonso Molina, Romulo Guzman, Eric Ascencio. **back row:** Coach José Guerrero, Humberto Lopez, Alvin Guerrero, Jaime Magaña, Jesus Ascencio, Patrick Ketchum.



**... Get Set, Go!** Isaac Brambila, Pedro Dominguez, Jaime Magaña, Gabriel Pacheco, John Shaw and Carlos Piñeda are off to a good

start at Legion Park.

**Pouring It On!** Approaching the end of another grueling race, Jaime Magaña gives it his all.



**Two's Company.** Keeping each other company on their way to victory are Isaac Brambila and Pedro Dominguez.







**All the Way to the Finish Line.** Betty Chavez once again comes in first in the girls varsity division.

**Run Like the Wind.** Maintaining a fast pace, Juan Esparza makes for the finish line.

**Warming Up.** Gabriel Pacheco, Carlos Piñeda, John Shaw, and Mickey Nugent try to loosen up before a big meet.

**Pushing to the Limit.** Isaac Brambila is tired but continues to help the team finish first.



# Panthers outrun VOL opponents

by Connie Dias

Dominating their league, both Boys Cross Country Teams won VOL championships. The varsity and frosh-soph teams were both 4-0, thanks to top runners Enrique Moreno, Carlos Piñeda, Jaime Plascencia, and VOL individual champ John Shaw.

The most important race of the season for the Panthers was the Manteca meet, which decided the VOL championship, which the Panthers won

30 to 26. At the Stanislaus County Meet, the varsity team finished in first place, the sophomore team in third, and the freshman team came in fifth. John Shaw finished first in the three mile course with his best time of the season: 14:26. Jaime Plascencia and Carlos Piñeda finished third and fourth respectively. Sophomore Betty Chavez won the girls' varsity race, and Becky Peeper came in fourth in the girls' frosh-soph race.

The Panthers had a deep and talented squad under the direction of Coach José Guerrero. Using a different approach to coaching this year, he emphasized more speed work towards the end of the season. This paid off when the team placed second at the sub-section and seventh at the section meets.

Due to the limited number of participants, there was not a girls' cross country team. However, this did not prevent Betty Chavez and Becky

Peeper from competing as individuals. Chavez was undefeated in the girls' varsity division while Peeper was one of the top runners in the frosh-soph division.

Due to their dedication and drive, the Cross Country Team members continuously worked hard throughout the season to improve their times and lead their teams on to victory. □



**JV Volleyball Team, front row:** Bobby Robinson, Jeannie Romey, Tina Kennedy, Janine Conway, Doris King, Coach Marissa Bondaug. **second row:** Mari Magaña,

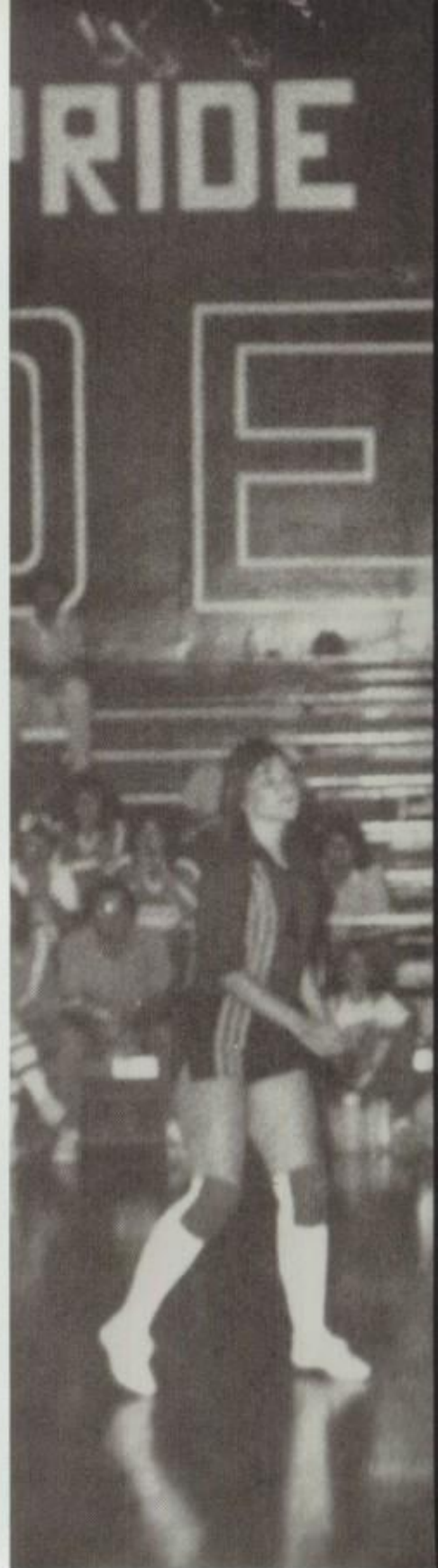
Janelle Jones, Michelle Lewis, Angela Taylor. **back row:** Andrea Smith, Liana Verhoef, Heather Parker, Julie Boone, Zulema Zuniga, Debbie Vermeulen.



**All the Way Up.** Doris King goes up to make a great offensive play.

**Here's to You.** Janine Conway serves with intensity to the opposing team.

**Jumping to the Top.** Pauline Anaya goes high up for a defensive block.



## Wins spiked; team sets for future

by Sam Gonzales

With a record of 0-15, the Varsity Volleyball Team suffered through a very disappointing season. Although they did not win any matches, the spirit and pride of the individuals on the team kept them in good spirits and they had a good time. In the process, they gained a lot of experience which should pay off in the future.

Among the top players were Lisa Andrews, Cindy Vermeulen, Pauline Anaya, and Tammy Gerolaga, who

was considered the "power arm" of the team. Lisa is a six-foot senior who has played on the team since her freshman year. She led the team as their captain. Cindy was the only other returning player, and the number one setter. Sophomores Pauline Anaya and Tammy Gerolaga were moved up to the varsity squad because of their exceptional skills and abilities on the court. Junior Sandy Romey was also an important player, always coming through whenever she was needed.

"The kids really practiced

hard; it's too bad that they ended up with the record they did," stated varsity coach Rene Lindburg. The team's only taste of victory came when they won one game in a best two out of three match against Manteca. Most of the returning varsity players are really looking forward to next year. They hope that the experience they gained will help them have a better season.

The Junior Varsity Team, composed entirely of freshmen, did not fare much better, but they did manage to pull off one victory and had a

few close matches. "We had enough experience, but we weren't coordinated on the court," said Zulema Zuniga, one of the regulars on the team. The JV team was coached by Marissa Bondaug and led on the court by captains Doris King and Janine Conway. The team really felt that the loss of their two best players to the varsity team may have kept them from reaching their peak as a team. All the girls commented on the good times they had together, and expressed good thoughts about next year. □





**In Your Face.** Lisa Andrews slams the ball while Della Redding and Pauline Anaya stand ready to assist.

Rene Lindburg



JV Coach  
Marissa Bondaug

Varsity Volleyball		
W-0 — L-15		
Modesto	Opponent	
0	Central	2
0	Ceres	2
0	Oakdale	2
1	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
0	Manteca	2
0	Ceres	2
0	Oakdale	2
0	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
0	Manteca	2
0	Oakdale	2
0	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
1	Manteca	2

JV Volleyball		
W-1 — L-14		
Modesto	Opponent	
0	Central	2
0	Ceres	2
0	Oakdale	2
1	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
0	Manteca	2
1	Ceres	2
0	Oakdale	2
0	Sonora	2
0	East Union	2
0	Manteca	2
2	Oakdale	1
0	Sonora	2
1	East Union	2
1	Manteca	2



**Varsity Volleyball Team,**  
front row: Pauline Anaya,  
Tammy Gerolaga, Cindy  
Vermeulen. back row: Rene  
Lindburg, Sandy Romey, Lisa  
Andrews, Della Redding, Ethel  
Mishler, Denise Reyes.



**Don't Fall Down.** Sandy Romey saves the ball while Lisa Andrews and Ethel Mishler get ready to continue the play.

**I Got It.** Pauline Anaya sets the ball as team members position themselves to assist.



**Think Fast.** Della Redding makes a great behind-the-back save.



**Here Comes the Ball.** Foreign exchange student Setsuko Homma readies herself for a return shot.

**Aceing It Again.** Outstanding singles player Geri Peek drives another one past her opponent on the serve.



Coach Dee Killam

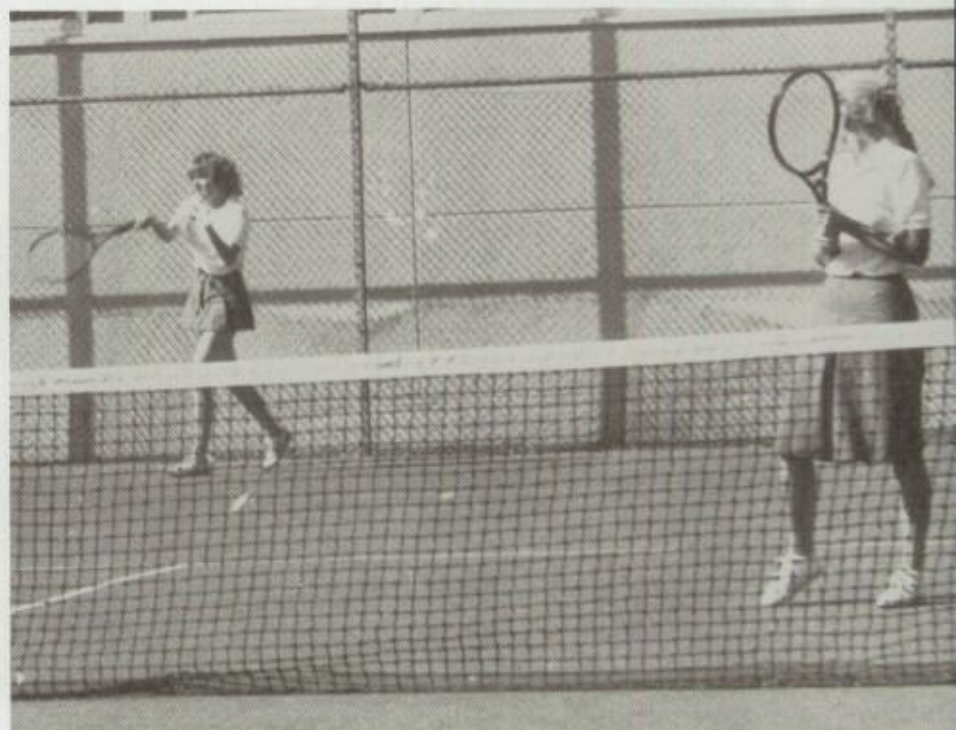
Girls Tennis		
W-6 — L-3 — T-1		
Modesto	Opponent	
2	Davis	10
7.5	Central	7.5
9.5	Oakdale	5.5
3	Manteca	12
12	Sonora	3
12	East Union	3
10	Oakdale	5
1.5	Manteca	13.5
10.5	Sonora	4.5
9	East Union	6



**Girls Tennis Team, front row:** Tina Doty, Erica Toso, Gemilyn Bringas, Setsuko Homma, Celine Hanson. **back row:** Brenda Roach, Terry Roach, Manbin

Khaira, Rachel Cole, Geri Peek, Karen Smith.

**Watching the Action.** While teammate Karen Smith returns the ball, Rachel Cole looks on.



**Checking It Out.** Marnie Bradford watches to make sure her swing is correct.



**Hit That Ball.** Brenda Roach returns the ball to her opponent while sister Terry waits for their return.

**Turning on the Power.** Pounding the ball back to her opponent, Celine Hanson finishes her swing.



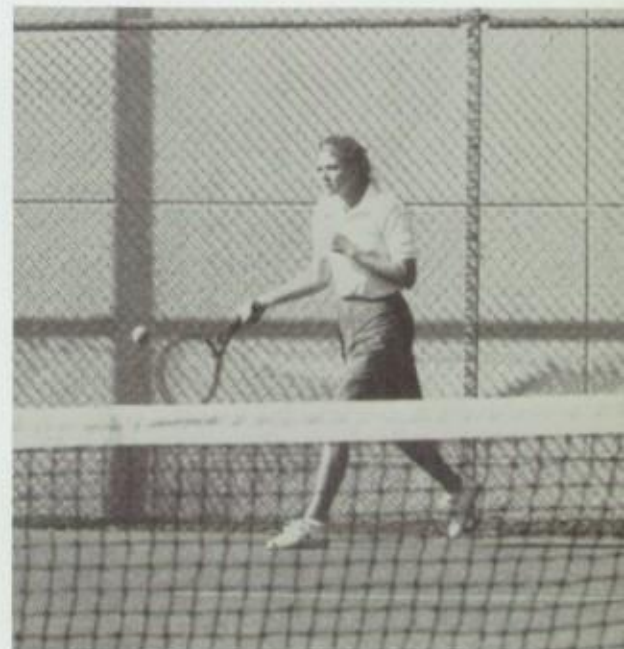




**Overpowering the Opposition.** Number one singles player Celine Hanson handles her opponent with ease.

**Putting on the Swing.** During a match Rachel Cole uses an overpowering swing to stifle her opponent.

**Following Through.** Rachel Cole busies her opponent with a forehand topspin.



# Six-two finish nets second in VOL

by Mike Toso

All-around talent, strength, and depth brought the Girls Tennis Team its second straight winning season. Their overall league record was six wins and two losses, good enough for second place in the VOL.

Juniors Karin Smith and Rachel Cole were the number one doubles team on the MHS.squad. In the VOL finals tournament they placed second, which qualified them to go to the sections tournament in Woodland. Rachel

and Karin were also voted All League by the VOL coaches.

Senior Geri Peek and sophomore Celine Hanson were the team's top singles players. Celine Hanson won four grand slams during the season as did Setsuro Homma. Geri Peek won three grand slams while doubles team Rachel Cole and Karin Smith won six.

The team had a lot of promising talent and came close to winning first place in league action, but was just never able to overcome

Manteca, the eventual league winner. Consistently good playing by the team did, however, enable them to overcome other league opponents Oakdale, Sonora, and East Union. This brought them their second place finish in the VOL.

Although only the doubles team of Karin Smith and Rachel Cole was able to qualify for the sections, the other team members were just as dedicated and hard-working and deserved just as much praise as the others, ac-

cording to Coach Dee Killam.

With only one girl graduating this year, next year's team will have a lot of talent and experience. Returning sophomores and juniors should have a big impact in league competition and set a good example for next year's newcomers. MHS has much to be proud of in their tennis team. They came a long way this season and hope to go even further next year. □



**Slam Bam!** Brian Kelly completes a perfect slam dunk in the playoffs.

**Varsity Basketball Team, front row:** Keith Waters, Jesse Mendoza, Ron Dixon, Sam Gonzales, Ron Jenkins, Mike Williams, Dino Quinn. **back row:** Assistant Coach Paul Abby, Coach Wayne McGhee, Sam Cousins, Joey Henriques, Barry Peterson, Anthony Matthews, Ryan Edwards, Brian Kelly, Junior Shaird, Aaron Augustine, Martin Sandoval, Assistant Coach Jim Thrasher.



**"Don't Miss!"** Shooting for two, Sam Cousins prepares to make a basket.



**Dribble, Dribble.** Ron "General" Dixon displays his fast movements against the Oceanside Pirates.

**Up For Two.** Ron Dixon goes up for two points against Manteca Buffalos.



## 2nd straight Sac-Joaquin crown

by Jacy Lee

The varsity basketball team had an awesome season, as they captured the VOL championship, the Sac-Joaquin Section title, the NorCal crown, and, to make the season complete, the California State Division II title, ending the year with a 33-2 record. The primarily senior squad finished their high school careers with an incredible four-year record of 96-12. "This 1984 varsity basketball team has accomplished during their four years at MHS what no other group has ever done," enthused coach Wayne McGhee. "It is one of the finest and most exciting teams that I've ever seen. It's been an honor for me

to be with them as their coach."

In December, the Cats started a series of tournaments, beginning with the Modesto City Tournament at Davis High. In the last game of the tournament, the undefeated MHS team bested Davis 53-40 and took home the championship. The second tournament was the Turlock Invitational. Modesto won all three games and brought back another title.

On December 20th, before a packed house in the Modesto Junior College Gymnasium, the Panthers took on St. Mary's of Stockton. In the past few years, St. Mary's had always defeated Modesto, but in this game there

seemed to be no problem for the Panther hoopsters; the final score was 59-49.

Another first for the team members was a visit to Reno, Nevada, where they played Carson City and Reno High. The Cats put up a good fight against Carson City, but went down 48-75, making this Modesto's first loss of the season. The team worked very hard, considering that they were without the services of 6'5" forward Anthony "Clutch" Matthews, who was sick with the flu, and Ron "General" Dixon, who fouled out. The following night, the Panthers played Reno High. Anthony decided he was well enough to play in this game, and the team

won 68-64.

The team got a few days of rest before the Atwater Tournament, where they gained another championship title.

On January 3 the league season started. The 1983 VOL champs began the season on the right foot with a 65-48 win over Oakdale, followed by an easy win over last year's rivals, the East Union Lancers, marking their seventh straight loss to the Panthers. This year's top rivals were the Manteca Buffalos, but they fell to the Panther clan in the first game, 52-49.

The Homecoming game was played on January 20 at the packed Panther Palace, the only

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**JUMP!** Brian Kelly reaches up to put in two points against Davis.

Coach Wayne McGhee



Asst. Coach Paul Abby

Varsity Basketball		
W-33 — L-2		
Modesto	Opponent	
58	Livingston	43
84	Tracy	47
54	Los Banos	39
68	Oakdale	47
53	Davis	40
56	Davis	46
65	Placer	57
50	Gilroy	41
44	East Union	32
57	Beyer	26
73	Downey	52
59	St. Mary's	49
48	Carson City	75
68	Reno	64
59	Lincoln	38
71	Livingston	54
44	Atwater	42
65	Oakdale	48
64	East Union	51
52	Manteca	49
71	Sonora	43
67	Manteca	62
52	Oakdale	32
71	Sonora	43
67	Manteca	62
52	Oakdale	32
36	East Union	3
52	Sonora	45
40	Manteca	43
66	Sonora	42
39	East Union	18
70	Oakdale	43
55	Los Banos	39
63	Encina	54
37	El Camino	36
48	Central Valley	34
60	Hayward	52
50	Oceanside	47



**Assistance.** Head Coach Wayne McGhee lends a helping hand to the team for the State Title.



**Tip It In.** Number 35 Keith Waters flicks the ball off the tip of his fingers for two points.

**Go Jesse, Go!** Jesse Mendoza shoots for two in the playoffs against the Central Valley Falcons.



**Thanks!** Oceanside's Pirate Charles Dimry helps Brian Kelly score.



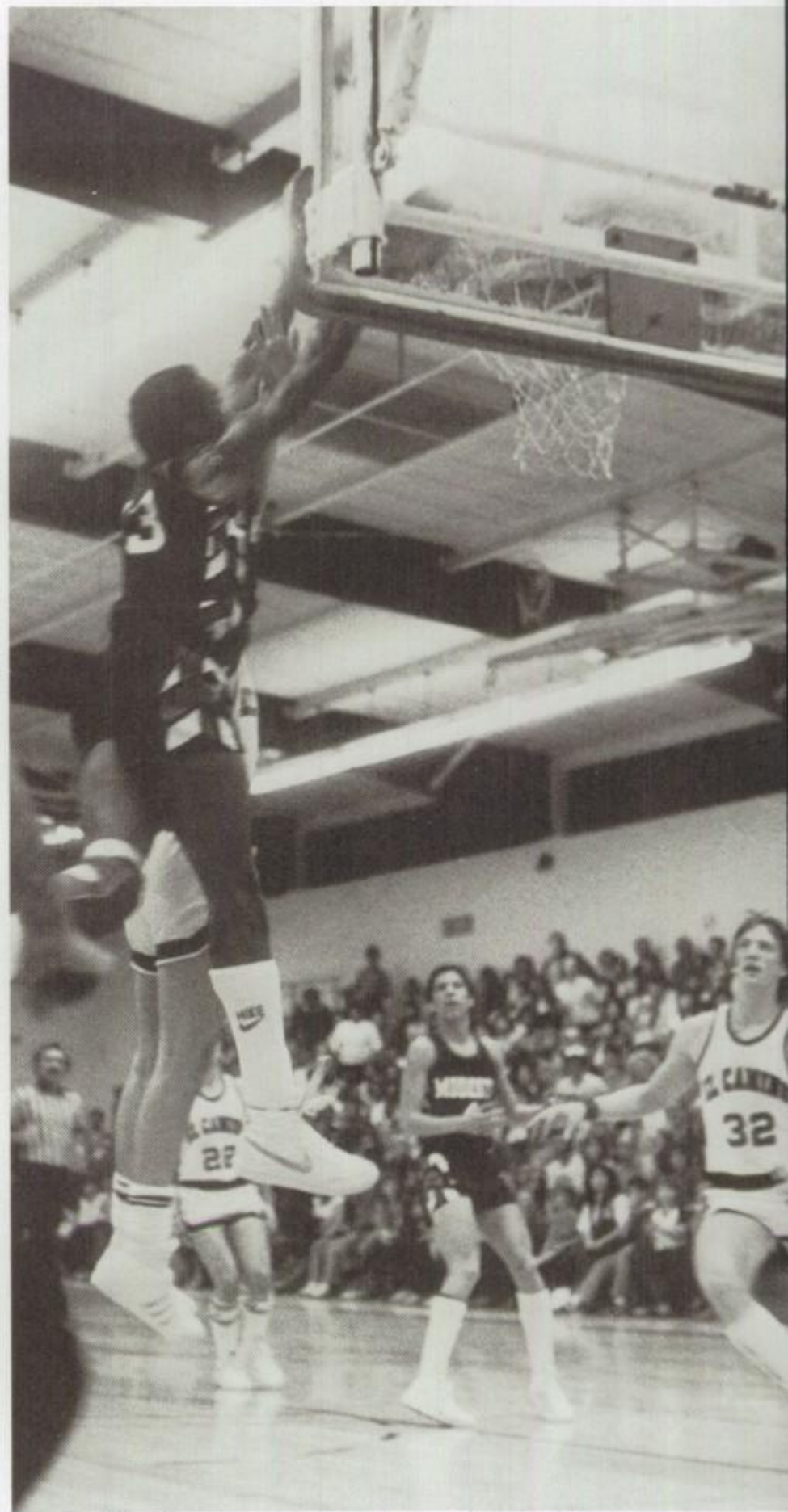
**Ball Wars.** Brian "Skywalker" Kelly prepares to slam against an El Camino defender in the playoffs.

Being second best is not to Brian "Skywalker" Kelly's taste, but he was rated No. 2 in the area for slam dunks. However, in the last game against Oakdale, he broke his own record when he threw down a total of four bucket stuffers. In the playoffs against Central Valley of Redding, Brian scored Numbers 35 and 36. His season total was raised to 37 when he carved one final notch in the hoop during the state championship game against Oceanside of San Diego.

He was named the VOL's MVP and the Modesto City Player of the Year, and he made the all-tournament teams at the AA playoffs, and the NorCal championships. Not bad for second best!



Brian Kelly



**Go Ahead and Jump!** Anthony Matthews shoots a ten foot jumper in a Davis game.

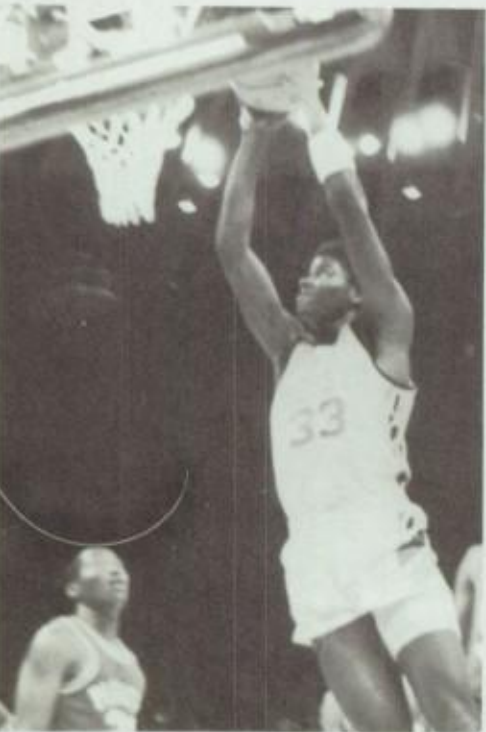
**Help!** Sam Gonzales looks for assistance in the championship game against Oceanside.

**Missile Command.** Shooting off like a rocket, Brian Kelly goes up for the tip-off against Encina in the playoffs.





**Shoot.** Anthony Matthews shoots for two in the championship game.  
**It's Mine!** Defending the ball, Ron Dixon jumps to get it back.



**Slam It, Brian!** Going up full force, Brian Kelly prepares for a two-handed slam.

**Victory.** Holding up the victory net, Keith Waters poses for the "Red Wave".

**An Ally Oop for the Betty Boop.** After a terrific pass, Anthony "Clutch" Matthews goes up for the "Ally Oop".



# Panthers bring home state title!

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game which went into overtime. The Panthers beat Manteca 67-62 on a couple of freethrows.  
The second game against East Union was one of the slowest MHS has ever played. East Union slowed down the game every time they got the ball, following their coach's strategy. The final score was 36-3, with all three of East Union's points coming from free throws.  
Only Manteca managed to spoil the Panthers' record. In their second encounter, Ron Dixon fouled out and the Panthers were defeated 40-43. "Truthfully, I felt our team would never lose to anyone in the VOL. But I think the loss was good for us. Except for the Carson game, we really didn't know how losing felt. It

helped us more than if we had won," stated Anthony Matthews.  
The final league game was a real crowd pleaser. Brian "Skywalker" Kelly had a game high of four slams and Anthony Matthews had his first "alley oop." MHS swamped Oakdale 70-43; Kelly was named VOL MVP, and teammates Dixon and Matthews were named to the VOL first team. Keith Waters was named to the second team, and Jesse Mendoza received an honorable mention. Wayne McGhee was named VOL Coach of the Year.  
The Panthers easily handled Los Banos, 55-39, to earn a trip to American River College and the semi-finals of the Sac-Joaquin Section AA Championship, where they defeated Encina 63-54. The championship game against El Camino was a heart

stopper, with 16 lead changes and seven ties. With ten seconds to go and Modesto leading 37-36, Anthony Matthews stripped the ball away from El Camino, giving the Panthers the Sac-Joaquin championship for the second straight year.  
The Panthers made their second consecutive trip to the Nor-Cal finals by beating Central Valley of Redding 48-34 in the semi-finals at the University of the Pacific Spanos Center. the MHS defense held the Central Valley team scoreless for nearly the last seven minutes of the game. Brian Kelly put in his 35th and 36th slams of the year.  
Against Hayward in the Nor-Cal finals, defensive specialist Keith Waters had his best game, scoring 20 points. the Panther lead never dipped below eight points in the final quarter, with

the 60-52 victory at the Oakland Coliseum earning a shot at the state championships. Matthews, Dixon and Kelly were all named to the all-tournament team.  
As it had been all season, the most important component in the state championship game was the team's defense. Modesto held Oceanside of San Diego to 14 fewer points than their 61-point game average. Although the game was close and hard-fought, Panther Power ruled the state as the final buzzer sounded, giving Number 1 ranked Modesto a 50-47 victory.  
Both Anthony Matthews and Brian Kelly had slam dunks, giving the more than 4,000 red-clad MHS fans who attended the game plenty to cheer about. The team is the first in Modesto's history to win a state basketball championship! □



**Taking It to the Net.** Freshman Ronnie Jenkins skillfully takes the ball down court.

**Sharpshooter.** Mario Reyes shows perfect form and concentration while shooting a basket.



**Coming Through.** In control of the ball, Mario Gonzales moves to sidetrack his opponent.

**Taking Control.** Mike Rosa slows down the ball while waiting for Barry Peterson to reach his position.



**Jump Sky High.** Sophomore Brian Hillario jumps to get the ball to an MHS player.



## Fast start fizzles for sophomores

by Denise Presley

Loaded with talent, yet never quite able to put it together, the sophomore basketball team had a season full of ups and downs. Led by brothers Larry and Barry Peterson, Mario Gonzales and Martin Sandoval, they started off on a good footing with a five game winning streak. Then things went downhill for the Panthers. Commented Coach Jim Thrasher, "We just lost our spark. After that, the guys couldn't put anything together."

Defensively, the Panthers

did well. Tony Buenrostro and Mario Gonzales led the defense. They held the other teams to a 41-point average per game, but could not seem to spark the offense to overcome the points scored against them. Offensive leaders were Larry Peterson, who averaged 14.2 points per game, and Mike Rosa, who averaged 11.6 points per game.

Starting the season in a game against Livingston, the hoopsters showed promise of a good season. They won 57-50, and continued to win, defeating Tracy 37-21, Davis 52-51, Beyer 42-40 and Los

Banos 63-50. Then came the St. Mary's game. Despite a great effort by the Kittens, St. Mary's, always a title threat, defeated them 67-33.

After a short Christmas break, the Panthers participated in the Atwater tournament. It was during this tourney that the MHS team showed what it could really do! They placed first in the tournament, besting Rio Linda, Livingston and Atwater.

Shortly after that, league play started. Suddenly, the Panthers were a totally different team. They lost all their games with the exception of an Oakdale match-up, which

they won by a squeaky 47-46. "The Atwater Tourney was the high point of our season! After that, we kind of lost perspective about what we needed to do to win games," stated captain Larry Peterson.

At the winter sports banquet, second-year starters Larry and Barry Peterson were named Most Valuable Players. Also honored were Mario Reyes and Eddie Kidd for Most Improved.

When asked about next year, player Mike Rosa stated, "For two years the Varsity has been great. I just hope we can live up to the expectations of our fans!" □





**Up In the Air!** Leading scorer Larry Peterson sails above his opponents as he takes another easy lay-up.

# Sophomore Basketball W-9 — L-11

Modesto	Opponent	
57	Livingston	50
37	Tracy	21
39	Oakdale	37
63	Los Banos	50
67	St. Mary's	33
41	Rio Linda	31
49	Livingston	33
47	Atwater	45
39	Oakdale	52
41	East Union	57
40	Manteca	43
37	Sonora	42
49	Manteca	53
47	Oakdale	46
45	East Union	51
41	Sonora	44
40	Manteca	57
39	Sonora	44
44	East Union	50
39	Oakdale	47



Coach Jim Thrasher



**Sophomore Basketball Team,**  
**front row:** Roger Wani, David Ramirez, Mario Gonzales, Esman Gomez, Mario Reyes, Martin San-

doval, **back row:** Danny Sabala, Mike Bowling, Eddie Kidd, Larry Peterson, Barry Peterson, Brian Hilario, Tony Buenrostro, Mike Rosa.



**Grab That Rebound!** Larry Peterson goes above his opponents to put the ball in after a great rebound.

**Drive to the Baseline.** Getting across half-court and past his Oakdale opponent is freshman standout Ronnie Jenkins.

**Swish!** Taking careful aim, Mario Reyes shoots for two.





**Holding Out.** Freshman center Alvin Grays looks for someone to receive his pass.



Coach Todd Sevic

# Freshman Basketball W-8 — L-19

Modesto	Opponent	
62	Central	36
62	Tracy	55
59	Davis	52
51	Beyer	62
45	St. Mary's	69
45	Oakdale	35
34	East Union	36
47	Manteca	54
42	Sonora	26
51	Manteca	61
50	Oakdale	32
40	East Union	44
31	Sonora	30
45	Manteca	61
49	Sonora	28
44	East Union	60
39	Oakdale	44



**Freshman Basketball Team,**  
front row: Matt Vaughn, Manny  
Aflague, Ron Jenkins, Jesse In-  
gram, Ruben Peña, Joe Gwerder.  
back row: John Dally, Jason

Layne, Clark Houston, Jim McGrath,  
Alvin Grays, Mike Harris, Ty  
Medrano, Jeff Pearson, Bill Birt,  
Richie Hall.

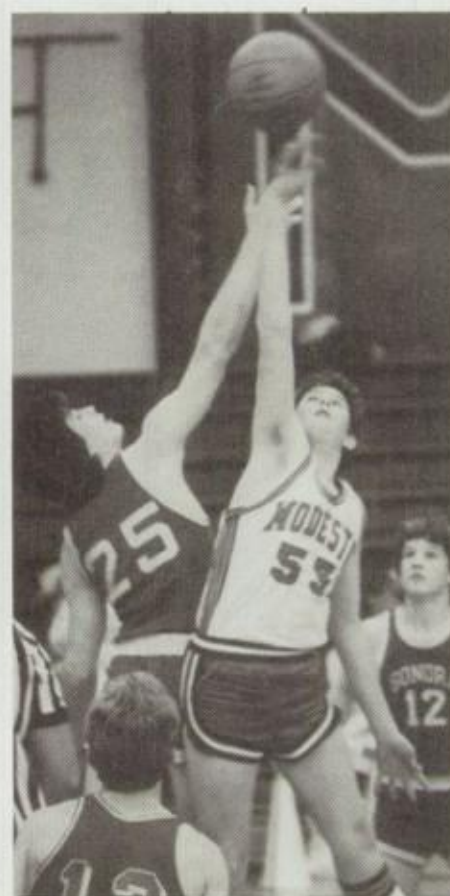
**Fighting for Possession.** Jumping high to get possession of the ball is Jeff Pearson.

**Jump Shot.** Scoring from long range, Ty Medrano makes two as John Daily watches.



**Start the Offense.** Guard Ron Jenkins yells out the play to the team members as Jim McGrath moves to his spot.

**Fast Break!** Moving quickly down the court, Ron Jenkins makes a beeline for the basket.



**Jump Ball.** Alvin Grays goes high into the air to take the ball away from a Sonora player.







**Sky Walking.** Leaping high into the air to lay the ball in the hoop is freshman Ron Jenkins.

**Thinking Quickly.** Trying to pass the ball while under pressure, John Daily scans the area.

**On the Mark.** Richie Hall shoots a jumper over a Sonora player.



## Offense inspires hope for future

by Mike Toso

The freshman basketball team gained much-needed experience in an up-and-down season. Although their season record was not great, they showed the spirit and drive to win on several occasions. The Kittens proved they will be very tough in the next three years, but like the sophomore team, the freshmen often fell apart when the second half started.

The frosh team didn't lack offense this year. The freshmen often put 40 or more points on the board easily. The Kittens' troubles came from their defensive play. The team lacked height and was often outscored. The team's tallest player, Alvin Grays, was 6'1", but no one else was over 6'0". Given a year or so and little more height and experience, the Kittens will be strong both offensively and defensively.

Led by point guard Ronnie

Jenkins, the Kittens always posed a threat. Resembling varsity guard Ron Dixon in style, Jenkins showed he may be able to fill Dixon's space when he graduates. The team also had a strong center in Alvin Grays. These two outstanding players also got a chance to play for the sophomores. They did well in the three games they played at the soph level. Almost like a dream come true, Ronnie Jenkins got a chance to play on the varsity basketball team

during post-season play.

Two other starters possessing good qualities were guard John Daily and forward Jim McGrath. Besides their talent, they also lent vocal support to their teammates on the floor.

Commented Ronnie Jenkins, "I don't think we did as well as we could have," but the frosh team could prove to be just as exciting as our VOL champion varsity team, given a little more time and a little more experience. □



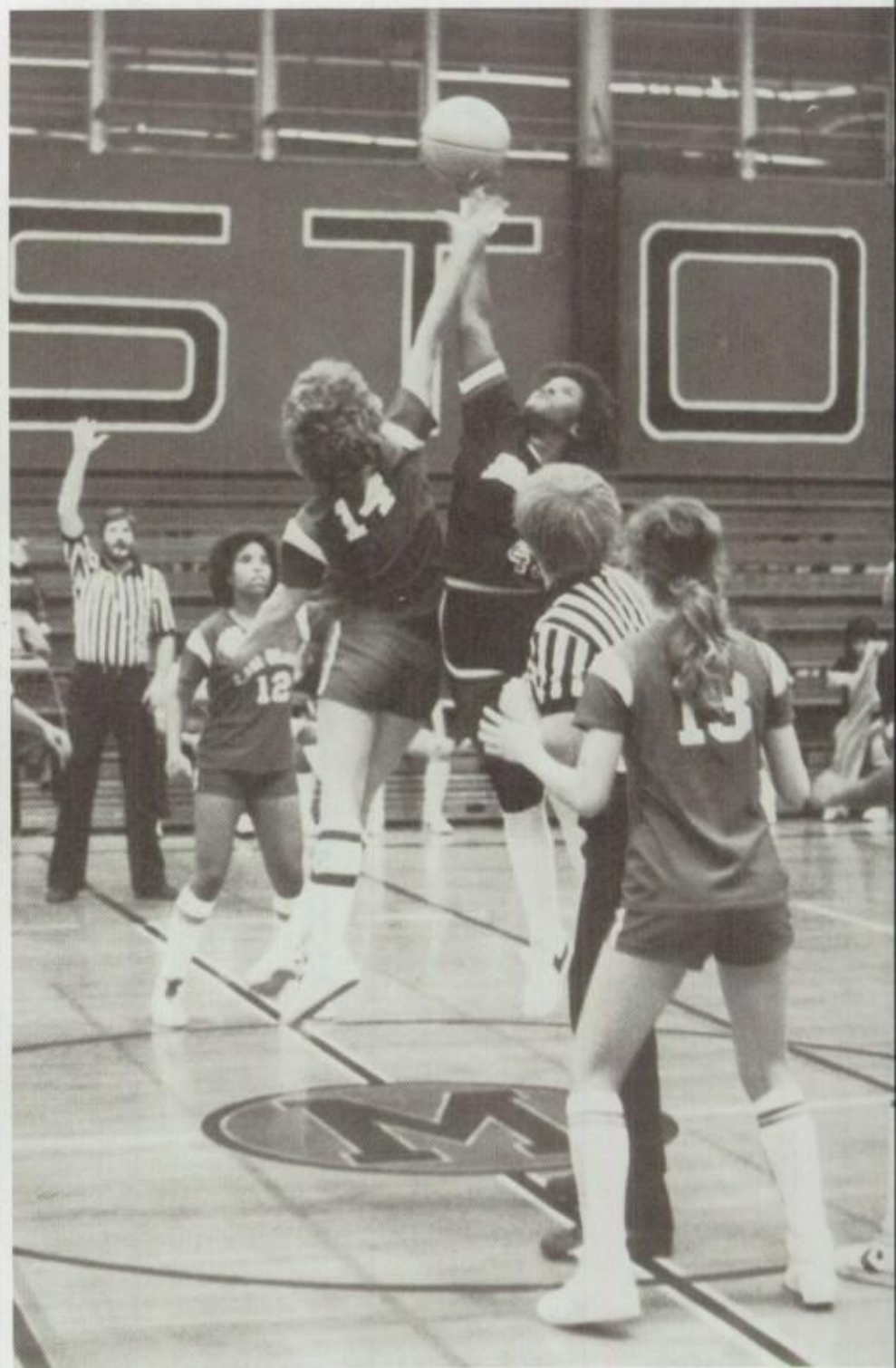
**Girls JV Basketball Team, front row:** Michelle Curtis, Terry Roach, Samantha Lee, Amanda Gutierrez. **back row:** Karen Matthews, Deanna Rodriguez, Becky Peeper, Pauline Anaya.

**Two more Points.** Despite the blocking efforts of the opposing team, Becky Peeper scores two points with the aid of her teammates.



**Might as Well Jump.** Karen Matthews goes against an East Union opponent for control of the ball.

**Catch This!** With a good lead in the game, Terry Roach expertly passes the ball to her teammate.



## Girls end season with tie for 2nd

by Michelle Azevedo

The girls' basketball team managed a creditable season with a 5-8 league record and 12-11 overall. Playing against some of the toughest teams in the league on a difficult schedule, they showed a great amount of spirit and ability when they tied for second place in the VOL.

The squad attended the Merced tournament which included some of the best teams in the area. During league play, the team had to wrestle with several difficult opponents. This led to the loss of their first three league

games. However, as the season progressed, they improved a great deal and gained valuable experience as well. One of the most exciting games of the season was against East Union. The game ended with the Panthers beating their rivals by one point with a 52-51 score!

The best defensive players on the Varsity Team were Sabrina Oliney and Bridgette Simmons. Sabrina received the award for Most Improved Player and Bridgette received the award for Most Valuable Player. Best offensive player on the team was Melinda Lee, who led the team in scoring, shooting and free throws, and

was ranked fifth in scoring in the VOL. Melinda also received the Most Valuable Player award, which was well deserved. Melinda Lee and Bridgette Simmons were chosen for the All-VOL first team by the coaches. Mona Simmons was chosen for the second team, and Sabrina Oliney was given an honorable mention.

Modesto had a playoff berth opportunity. They finished in a tie for second place with Oakdale, but Oakdale earned the playoff berth on the basis of its two victories in three meetings with the Panthers.

Varsity Coach Ron Smith commented on his feelings

about the season by saying, "After losing our first three league games, the ability to come back and take second place in one of the toughest girls' leagues around showed our girls had character."

The Junior Varsity team improved a great deal as they tried to make each game better than the last. They finished the season with a 3-9 league record, which put them in fourth place in the Valley Oak League.

Karen Matthews led the team in scoring. At the Oakdale game she scored 24 points. The JV team produced some great athletes that will make next year's team even better. □





**The Pressure's On.** Directing the strategy, Jeannie Romey helps her team to make another basket.

**I Made It!** Bridgette Simmons successfully scores two points for the Panthers.

**Coach Ron Smith**



**JV Coach Russ Garcia**



Girls Varsity Basketball W-8 — L-14		
Modesto	Opponent	
30	Ceres	47
34	East Union	31
39	Bret Harte	67
44	Escalon	69
51	Central	33
53	Beyer	28
39	Tracy	47
42	Atwater	62
28	Hughson	35
44	Downey	62
38	Beyer	31
29	Oakdale	41
29	East Union	47
46	Manteca	68
47	Sonora	35
38	Ceres	40
40	Manteca	77
52	Oakdale	51
55	East Union	45
33	Sonora	49
41	Manteca	58
49	Sonora	38
44	East Union	38
39	Oakdale	48



**Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, front row:** Sandy Romey, Anne Verissimo, Sabrina Oliney, Bridgette Simmons. **back row:** Lisa An-

draws, Yoshie Hirai, Mona Simmons, Melinda Lee, Patricia Williams.



**Fast Break.** Bringing the ball down the court, Terry Roach receives assistance from Samantha Lee.

**Getting a Shot.** At the end of the

game, Mona Simmons attempts to make a basket before time runs out.

**Strategy Session.** Coach Ron Smith gives the basketball team

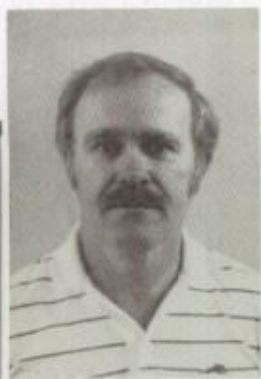


some advice and encouragement before the beginning of the second half.

**Oops, I Missed!** After an unsuccessful shot attempt, both teams rush to the basket for the rebound.



**Coach John Miller**



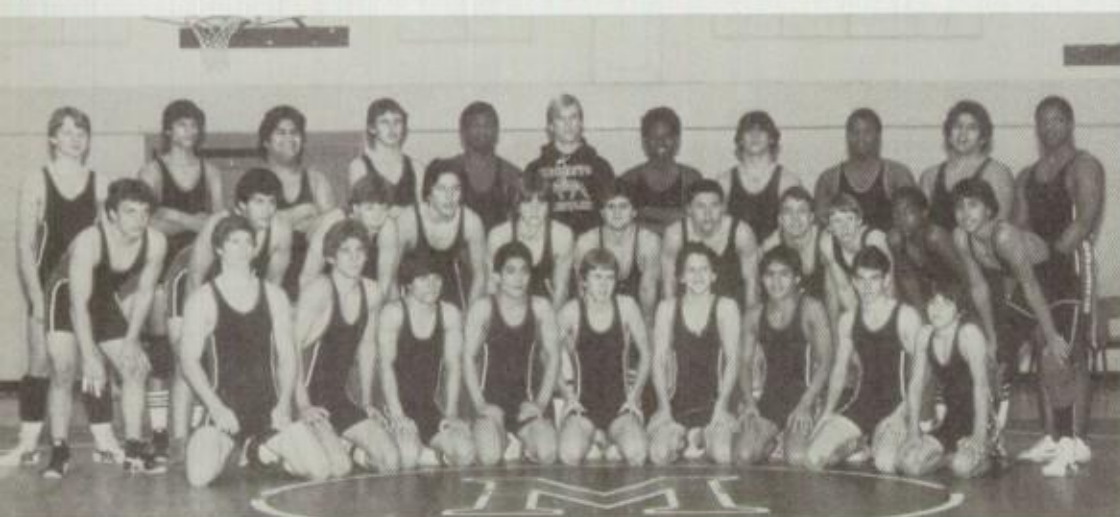
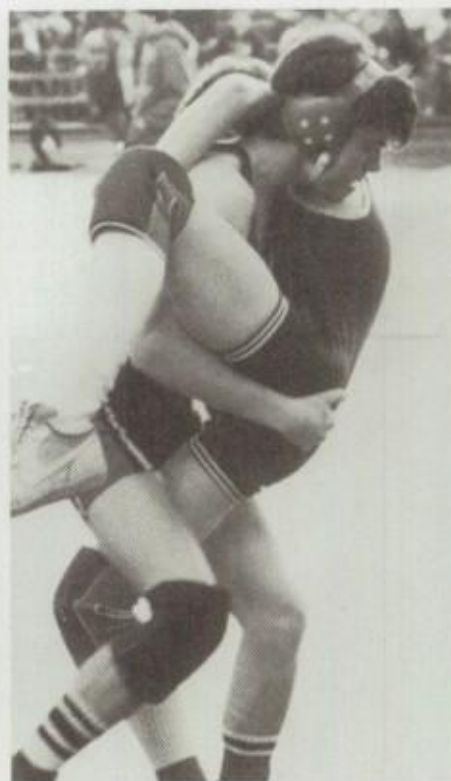
**Asst. Coach Kenny Forbus**

### Wrestling League Standings

Sonora	116
Oakdale	104
Modesto	96
Manteca	50
East Union	10

**No Problem.** David Burch puts a move on his Sonora opponent.

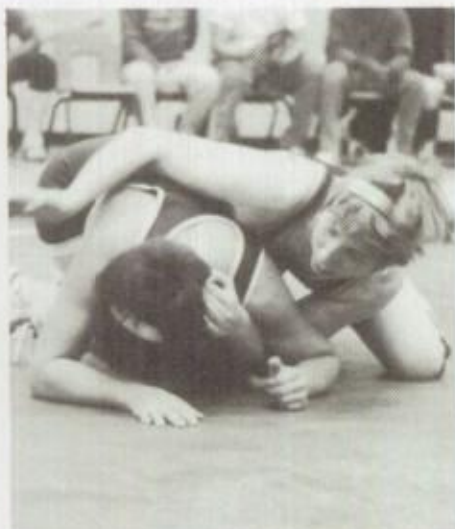
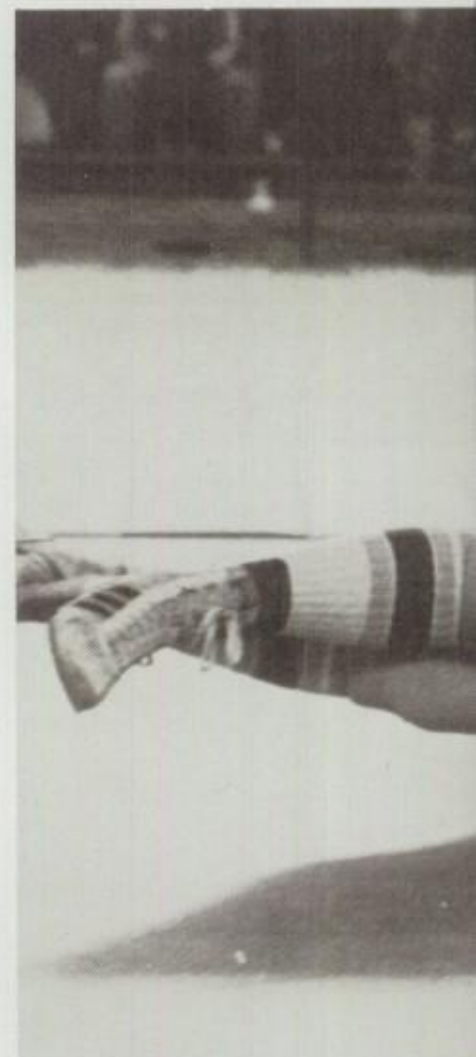
**You're not going anywhere!** Robby Gratton tackles his East Union adversary.



**Wrestling Team, front row:** Devin Reynolds, Tim Gorne, Roger Wright, Marcos Madrid, Robert Page, David Burch, Darren Jenkins, Gabriel Pacheco, Robby Gratton, Manuel Betencourt. **middle row:** Marcus Martinez, Christian Luckhaus, Michael Patch, John Cope, Jerry Rocha, Noe Oviedo, Ben Johnson, Lee Jarvis, Sean

**Wani. back row:** James Mott, Edward Martinez, Rick Arias, Donny Worsham, John Jenkins, Illo Rodoni, Larry Bland, Shawn Sickert, Louie Bland, John Perry, and Morey Bland.

**Roll Over.** Jerry Rocha tries to maneuver his opponent from Sonora to the mat.



**Hold Still!** Chris Luckhaus attempts to use a half-Nelson on a Manteca grappler.



**Ouch!** Morey Bland tangles with a particularly menacing Manteca wrestler.

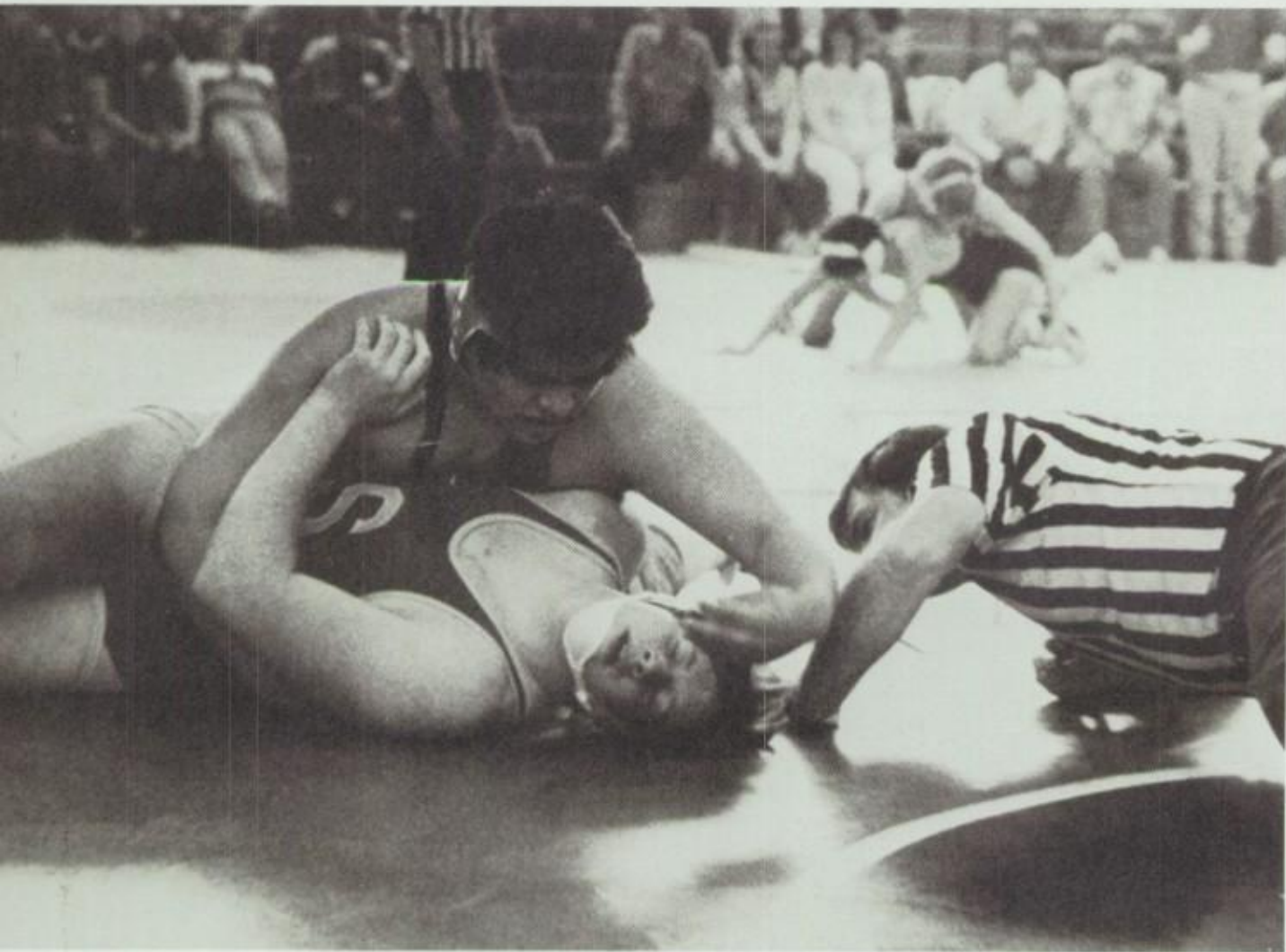
**Everything Is Under Control.** Robby Gratton pulls a reversal on his challenging opponent from Manteca.





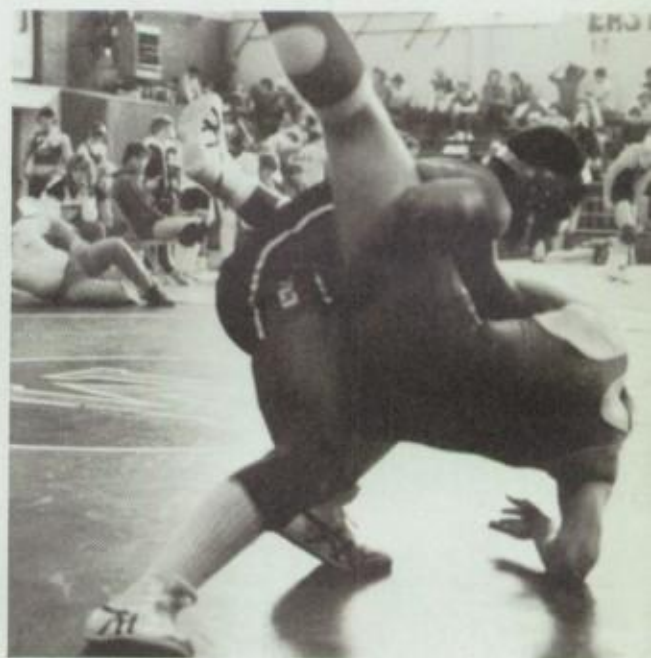


**"Gotcha!"** Johnny Cope immobilizes a Manteca competitor.



**Is He Down Yet?** Rick Arias struggles to pin down his challenger from Sonora.

**Two Points.** Morey Bland takes down an opponent from Sonora High.



## Grapplers pinned for 3rd place

by Scott McKenzie

Imagine the pressure and pain wrestlers must constantly face! They sacrifice their free time for grueling practice sessions as they try to perfect their techniques. All the practice time spent by the MHS grapplers paid off as they finished the season third in the league, with three league champions and four second place finishers.

The three league champions were Robby Gratton at

105 pounds, David Burch at 119 pounds and Tim Gorne at 145 pounds. The second place finishers were Robert Page at 126 pounds, Morey Bland at 177 pounds, John Jenkins at 191 pounds, and Gabriel Pacheco at 112 pounds. The Most Valuable Wrestler honor went to John Jenkins.

Six MHS wrestlers were named to the All-City team, selected by the coaches. They were Manuel Betten-court (20-16), who finished

fourth at the VOL meet and earned a first in an early season novice tournament; Robby Gratton (26-5), who earned a third-place finish at the sub-section meet after winning his weight class at the VOL meet; and Gabriel Pacheco (16-8), whose top performance of the season was a first place finish at the Davis tournament. Also named were Tim Gorne (26-9), who took a fifth place finish at the sub-section meet; Shawn Sickert (15-10), who finished sixth in the Ceres tournament

and fourth in the Davis tournament; and John Jenkins (28-13), who finished a strong third at the sub-section meet and was first in the Davis tournament.

"We were happy with our wrestlers, as we won four of our six dual matches. The team finished in the top six places at most of the tournaments," said coach John Miller. "With nine wrestlers returning, we expect to have one of our better teams next year, and I'm looking forward to it!" □



**Up in the Air.** Paul Wright shoots for the goal.

**Heads Up!** Justin Smith and a Davis player go up to head the ball.

**Anticipation.** Ruben Vargas anticipates the ball's arrival.

**Out of Reach.** With an opposing player putting on the pressure from behind, Reuben Vargas kicks the ball to an open teammate.



# Booters' 2nd VOL title in 2 years

by Butch Elinburg

The soccer season could be summed up in one word—shaky. Beginning the year with losses to Beyer, Davis and Livingston, the varsity faced threatening prospects. But as VOL play started, things went smoother. Showing the talent that earned them the VOL championship last year, the team rallied to defeat East Union, Central and Oakdale.

Ending the season with an 8-2 league record, the Panthers were tied for first place with Livingston. Stated Coach José Guerrero, "I didn't expect a championship, but when you have a good young club, anything can happen."

For the second straight year, Justin Smith made the All-VOL team and Marvin Ron made the second team. Other strong players were Jaime Magaña, Reuben Vargas, Carlos Piñeda, Jonathan Green, Isidro Aguayo, and

Chris Figueroa.

Justin Smith, with 11 goals and 2 assists, Jonathan Green, with 10 goals and 2 assists, Marcos Vargas, with 5 goals and 6 assists and Paul Wright, with 4 goals and 4 assists all made the Modesto Bee's top VOL scoring list.

Under the supervision of first year Coach Martin Asencio, the JV proved that they were a strong team. Outstanding play from Jesse Silva and Ricky Moreno earned the

team a record of 4-2 in league and 12-4 overall, which was good enough for second place in the VOL. Stated Denise Presley, "I think we had a great season. If we hadn't lost 4 people to the varsity team, I don't think we would have lost a game all year!"

Overall, both teams had good seasons. Because both teams were young, the coaches feel MHS fans can look forward to even greater success in future years. □





**The Fake's On.** As Chris Figueroa fakes the kick, Simon Vasquez looks for the pass.

Varsity Soccer W-8 — L-6		
Modesto	Opponent	
1	Beyer	6
1	Davis	3
1	Hoover	5
2	Edison	3
1	Atwater	2
1	Parker	3
3	Davis	1
3	Downey	1
2	Downey	1
4	Beyer	1
2	Davis	4
6	Oakdale	3
4	Manteca	0
1	Livingston	6



Coach José Guerrero

**Varsity Soccer Team, front row:** Isidro Aguayo, Carlos Piñeda, Patrick Ketchum, Justin Smith, Paul Wright, Marvin Ron, Simon Vasquez, Reuben

**Vargas, back row:** Marco Vargas, Shon Williams, Roberto Centeno, Chris Figueroa, John Green, Jaime Magaña, José Riveira, Isac Brambila.



**Keeping Control of the Ball.** Forward Justin Smith heads toward the goal as Isaac Brambila backs him up.

**"Ain't Nobody Gonna Break My Stride!"** As a Livingston player attempts to trip him up, Jaime Magaña maneuvers down the field.



**Who Wants It?** Shawn Shafer dribbles down the field, wondering who wants the ball.



**Soph-Fresh Track Team, front row:** Donovan Walker, Aaron King, Ben Johnson, Pat Ketchum, Warren Kosowan, Mike Ortiz. **back row:** Ray Cox, Gregg Olson,

Mike Van Andel, Tim Bumgarner, Eric Grimes, Brian Hilario.

**Go Ahead and Jump!** Dennis Brophy successfully clears the last hurdle of his run.



**Wait for Me!** On his way to the finish line, Carlos Piñeda moves to pass a Manteca competitor.



**Got to Keep Moving.** Jesus Ascencio paces himself for the two-mile run.



**What's the Hurry?** Isaac Brambila and Carlos Piñeda both face familiar but tough competition.

**Can I Take a Break?** With an exhausted look on his face, Jaime Plascencia begins his last lap.

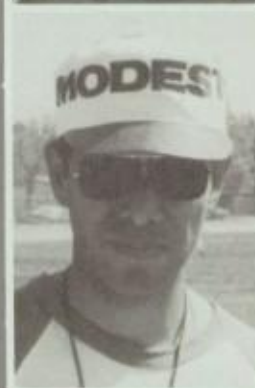


**Coming Through!** Leonard Wheaton squeezes between two opponents to gain the lead in the hurdles.





**Coach  
Mike Kiyol**



### Boys & Girls Track

Date	Opponent
Mar. 22	Sonora
March 24	Cougar Relays
March 29	Manteca
March 31	Central Calif. Invit.
April 4	Oakdale
April 6	City Schools Meet
April 11	East Union
April 13	Stanislaus Co. Invit.
April 21	Ceres Invitational
May 4	VOL Finals
May 12	Cal Relays

**Coach  
José Guerrero**

**Almost There.** John Shaw nears the finish of his run well ahead of the competition.

**One, Two, Three . . .** Going for

distance, Patrick Peterson concentrates all of his strength into his upcoming leap.



### Outstanding Jump!

Doing it professional style, Avin Grays clears the six-foot bar.

### Varsity Track Team,

**front row:** Philip Medrano, Mickey Prescott, Patrick Peterson, Larry Bland, Corey Probst,

John Jenkins, John Miller, Dennis Brophy, James Bowen. **back row:** Tim Gorne, Martin Rico, Cornel Ard, Alvin Grays, Aaron Augustine, John Shaw, Carlos Piñeda, Jaime Plascencia, Galdino Ramirez.



# Frosh help keep team on track

by Zusi Zuniga

Trying to keep the tradition of a spirited and powerful track team alive was the job of new head track coach Gary Hail, who spent a lot of time with the boys' track team every day and sometimes on weekends. He polished up their abilities and brought out a better and more positive winning attitude.

Due to the lack of junior and senior varsity members, Coach Hails moved freshmen and sophomores up to the varsity level in order to have a strong team. Alvin Grays and Corey Probst were a couple of

the freshman members. "I felt good to be able to run and jump at the varsity level and hopefully my experience on the varsity team will help me out in the years to come," stated Alvin Grays.

Probst and Grays were the second and third legs on the 440 relay team. Grays was also the Panthers' best high jumper, with heights of 6'0" and 6'2". Probst competed in the 220 and the 440 yard runs. "It felt great to be a member of the varsity team, and I felt that if we got through practice all right we would have a fantastic season!" commented Corey Probst.

Patrick Peterson, a junior, controlled the long jump and triple jump events. Peterson also started out as a young member on the varsity team.

John Shaw was in control of the long distance competitions. Shaw was one of the best long distance runners in the district. Coach Hails and Coach Guerrero were very proud that he was a part of the team.

Early in the year Hails stated, "If the guys keep working out like they should, I think they will have a very good season. We have a tough team this year and if we work on it, we can be better."

In competition, the Panthers lost to Davis but defeated the Sonora Wildcats in their second meet. The toughest team they competed against was the Manteca Buffaloes, the team to beat in the VOL title race.

In the Central California Track and Field Invitational at Stanislaus State, Patrick Peterson placed sixth in the 100, Jaime Plascencia placed fifth in the mile and fourth in the two mile race, while teammate Carlos Piñeda placed sixth. In the All-City Meet at MJC, Jaime Plascencia set a new meet record in the two mile race. □





**Track Coach  
Gary Halls**



**Gymnastics  
Coach  
Sharon Bonzi**

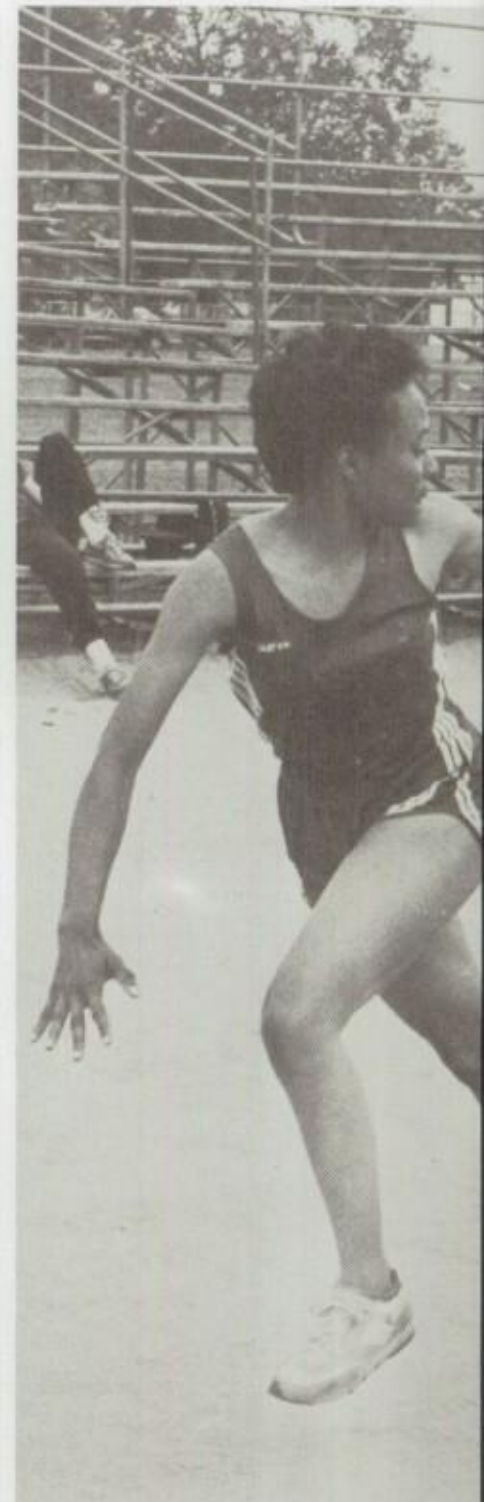
**Girls Track—see  
page 89 for schedule**

**Gymnastics**

Date	Opponent
March 8	Campolindo
March 15	Sonora
March 22	Manteca
March 29	Oakdale
April 5	Tracy
April 26	VOL Invitational
May 3	VOL Qualifying
May 12	Sections

**Hit!** Mona Simmons reaches for the baton as sister Bridgett completes one leg of the 400-meter relay.

**I'll Tumble For Ya!** Getting ready to tumble across the beam Kim Rancour takes her stand.



**Girls Track Team, front row:** Betty Chavez, Michelle Curtis, Elisa Baldwin, Josie Berryhill, M'Lina Nunez. **back row:** Gwen Dooley, Becky Peeper, Mona Simmons, Bridgett Simmons, Melinda Lee.

**The Longest Mile.** Top girls' long distance runner Betty Chavez goes for the best.



**Varsity Gymnastics, front row:** Lisa Miles, Valerie Ray, Karla Hill, Claudia Gonzales, Jana Rhine. **back row:** Kim Wing, Nanette Horney, Sandra Contreras, Sherry Brownlee, Kris Wing.



**Make That Move.** Bridgett Simmons prepares to pass a competitor in the 330 low hurdles.

**This One's For You!** Kris Wing preps herself for a 10.0 dismount.







**Up And Over!** Jana Rhine hits the mark as she straddles over the vault.

**Novice Gymnasts, front row:** Michelle Wriley, Lynn Gorne, Moria Golub, Kim Rancour,

Janelle Jones, Debbie Emord. **back row:** Sonya Oliney, Marie Johnson, Anna Calderon, Mona Owens, Annette Dickerson.

**Skidding.** Senior Melinda Lee tries to extend her jump.



# Small teams have new coaches

by Jacy Lee

Despite a smaller than usual team, extra long practices and special training from new coach Gary Hails resulted in a very rewarding season for the girls.

Returning to the Girls Track Team were the record-breaking sisters Mona and Bridgette Simmons. Along with them, Betty Chavez and Becky Peeper returned as two of the Panthers' best long-distance runners. Their steady racing pace often enabled them to reach the tape first. They are considered to be some of the best long distance runners in the Stanislaus district.

Returning for her last

season was Melinda Lee, the only senior at the varsity level of competition. "With all of the hard practices and strenuous workouts the girls are going through, we should be one of the best Girls Track Teams in the state," commented Melinda.

"We would like to set some new records or even break our own, but we will be happy just to be able to compete and do well," said Mona and Bridgette Simmons.

The Gymnastic Teams were also small. Because of the absence of Mrs. Carolyn Leathers, they also acquired a new coach, Sharon Bonzi. "Coach Bonzi works us hard, but we don't mind. She just wants us to do our best," ex-

plained Claudia Gonzales. "She helps most of us make up our routines, and watches us get them to perfection."

Several freshmen were on the team, most of them at the novice level. But Kim Wing, who has been practicing gymnastics for a number of years with her older sister Kris, was placed on the varsity team. "I feel proud being a freshman on the varsity team," stated Kim. "It's also great working with my sister Kris, because it gives us a chance to help each other."

The freshmen were glad for the opportunity to compete after hints that MHS might not field a gymnastics team this year. Marie Johnson stated, "We (the novice

gymnasts) are working really hard this year, trying to do our best, because the gymnastic team has done so well in past years and also to impress Mrs. Leathers."

"We have a very strong team this year and we should do pretty well considering all of the JV have competed before and are familiar with the routines," commented Janna Rhine. Coach Bonzi added, "Kris and Kim Wing have been standouts throughout the year. Kim has the best vault in the VOL, while Kris has maintained the number one position All-Around. Sherry Brownlee, a latecomer to the squad, has added more flair and difficulty to the team. □



**Varsity Coach  
Jess Garcia**



**High Fly Ball!** Junior Pauline Anaya easily snags another high flyball.

**I Got It!** Kellee Hernandez goes in for the catch while sophomore Tracy Uber backs her up.

**Softball**

Date	Opponent
March 22	Manteca
March 27	Oakdale
March 29	Sonora
April 2	East Union
April 10	Manteca
April 12	Oakdale
April 24	Sonora
April 26	East Union
May 3	Manteca
May 8	Oakdale
May 10	Sonora
May 15	East Union

**JV Coach  
Jackie Munn**



**JV Softball Team, front row:** Julie Verissimo, Debbie Arbogast, Jennifer Azevedo, Kim Haley, Tracy Uber, Kim Vlach,

**back row:** Jeanie Romey, Michelle Ramos, Della Redding, Kellee Hernandez, Terry Roach, Trina New, Kathy Verissimo.

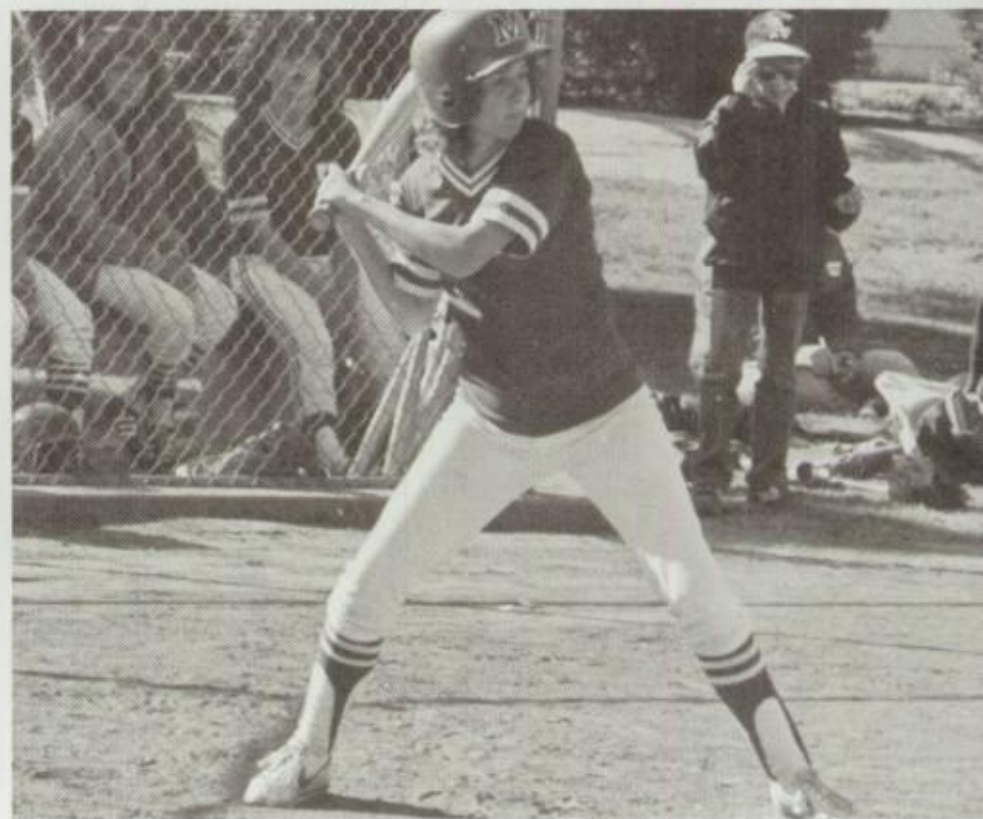


**Varsity Softball Team, front row:** Anne Verissimo, Debbie Rios, Amber Kirksey, Tammy Gerolaga, Melissa Jones, Darlene Carvalho, Sandy Romey. **back row:** Michelle Ehrler, Cathy Mihelis, Denise Presley, Lisa Andrews, Rachel Cole, Becky

Stearns, Pauline Anaya, Ludy Veldhuizen.

**Get Ready!** Here comes a good one from JV player Shelly Wilson.

**I Gotcha This Time.** Freshman pitcher Kim Vlach throws another strike while Karen Matthews gets prepared.



**You're Out!** Sandy Romey tags out another Sonora Wildcat.





**Here I Come!** Varsity pitcher Rachel Cole throws another fast one.

**Throw It Home!** Julie Verissimo gives her full power to throw the ball to home plate.

**She's Gone!** Kellee Hernandez makes the catch to get an opponent out at first base.



## Junior hurler leads varsity

by Rhonda Albright

What a difference a couple of years can make! As recently as two years ago, Panther softball was famous for never winning any games. But not any more.

Both the varsity and junior varsity softball teams got off to an excellent start. "This is the best team I have ever had talent-wise," stated Coach Jess Garcia. He also complimented the teams on their tremendous attitude. "They are all out there helping each other and working with one another. I feel that they're doing what's expected of them and I'm very pleased with this year's team," he observed.

Junior Rachel Cole was the Panthers' highly rated pitcher. Catching for her was Denise Presley. "Pitching is the name of the game," explained Coach Garcia. "Rachel is an exceptional and hard working girl, and I'm glad she will be here next year, too."

The infield consisted of Sandy Romey or Michelle Ehrler at first, Amber Kirksey at second, Anne Verissimo at third, and Tamara Gerolaga at shortstop. The outfield had Lisa Andrews in right, Melissa Jones or Darlene Carvalho at center, and Pauline Anaya in left. Because the team was mainly composed of sophomores and juniors, next

year's team will be minus only two members.

The junior varsity team also had plenty of talent. With their excellent win-loss record, they were expected to have a superb season. The Verissimo sisters, Julie and Kathy, were one of the reasons the JV team won so many games. Jeannie Romey was another excellent member of the Kitten softball team. The catcher on the team was Della Redding, a two year starter who, according to Coach Garcia, has progressed a great deal.

Both teams continually improved as the season pro-

gressed. "I feel we have an exceptional opportunity to win the league title," stated Coach Garcia as the team began league play. "The girls are gaining experience and they are not making those errors that used to hurt them so much. We are not getting blown out either, and we are not going to be blown out! We're contenders and Oakdale and East Union know it."

Now the Panthers are scrappy competitors, and contenders for the championship, instead of an automatic victory for opposing teams' tally sheets. □



**It's Gonna Be Close.** Hurrying to beat the throw, J.B. Nicholson dives back to the base.

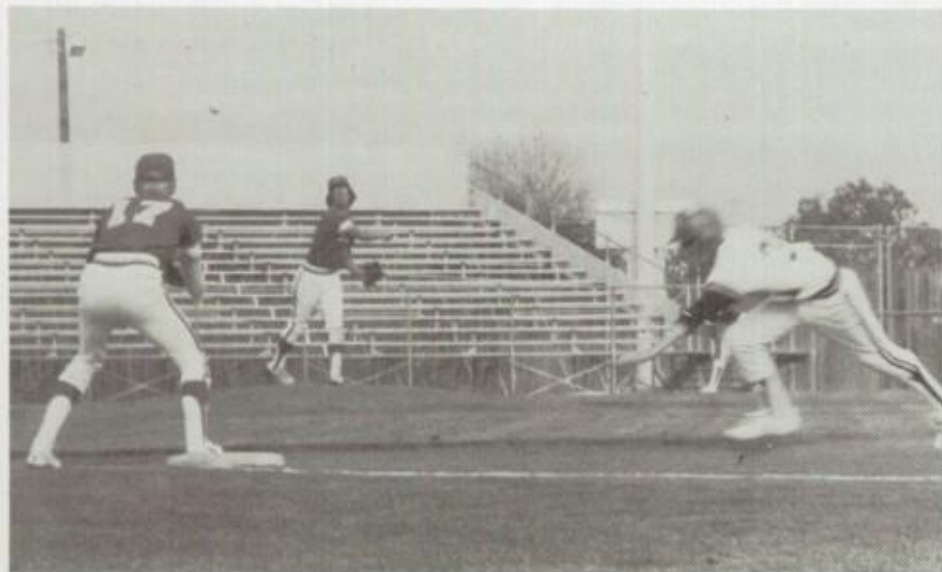
**Hurl It!** Vince Furtado gives it all

as he throws the ball to first base.

**Pick-Off.** During warm-ups Les Kilcrease practices his pick-off move.

**Line Drive.** Junior Robert Ott lines one up the middle for a hit.

**Tip Toe Thru the Tulips.** Humberto Urquidez makes a spectacular catch.



## Panthers grab first three games

by Denise Presley  
& Scott McKenzie

"On the surface it appears to be a rebuilding season. This year's team is made up of five seniors and ten juniors. However, I feel with some hard work and dedication we can compete for a playoff spot," stated Coach Marty Boer in early March. That's just what the coaches got. From the start of the season to the finish, the Varsity Baseball Team worked hard, attended practices and showed dedication.

Defense was definitely a strong point for the Panthers. Their returning starters,

Humberto Urquidez at short-stop and J.B. Nicholson at second base, often made a great double-play combination. At first base was Lucas Alberto, who scooped up anything within reach. Vince Furtado held down third base with finesse.

In the outfield, juniors Bobby Ott, John Green, Les Kilcrease and Brian Miller did the job. "We seem to be especially tough on defense this year! It's our strongest point and from there we'll build the team," stated Boer.

On offense, the team seemed to lack the punch they've had in past years.

Leading the team were Bobby Ott, J.B. Nicholson, Humberto Urquidez and Sonny Nash. "We look to get our first three guys on base and then it's up to Sonny to do something big," explained assistant coach Danny Guzzi. The Cats are quick on the bases and they use it to their advantage, averaging eight stolen bases per game.

Said Boer, "I'm very proud of the boys this year. They played hard and were dedicated the whole year through and I'm pleased with them."

During the MHS Baseball Tournament the Panthers did not fare well. In the first round



they were pounded by Del Oro of Sacramento 11-1. Modesto's lone run came in the fourth inning when David Wilson scored on Bryan Miller's double.

Against Davis in a non-league game, the scrappy Cats won their third straight game. Daniel Nava and Humberto Urquidez each finished with two hits for Modesto. David Wilson scored on a bases loaded walk and Ray Oliver came in on a wild pitch in the top of the sixth. The Panthers defeated the Spartans 5-3.

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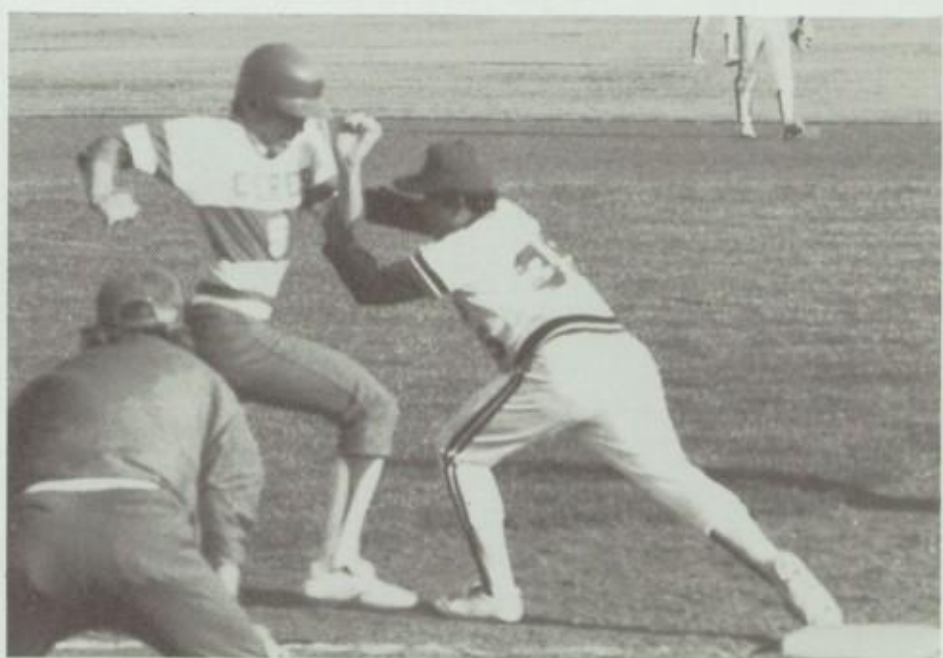
**Coach Marty Boer**

**Varsity Baseball**

Date	Opponent
March 9-10	MHS Invitational
March 23	Manteca
March 27	Oakdale
March 30	Sonora
April 3	East Union
April 10	Manteca
April 13	Oakdale
April 16-19	Windemuth Classic
April 24	Sonora
April 27	East Union
May 4	Manteca
May 8	Oakdale
May 11	Sonora
May 15	East Union

**Assistant Coach  
Dan Guzzi**

**Varsity Baseball Team, front row:** Lucas Alberto, David Wilson, Bobby Ott, Mark Oliver, Vince Furtado, Daniel Nava. **back row:** Humberto Urquidez, Sonny Nash, Jon Green, Bryan Miller, J.B. Nicholson, Les Kilcrease.

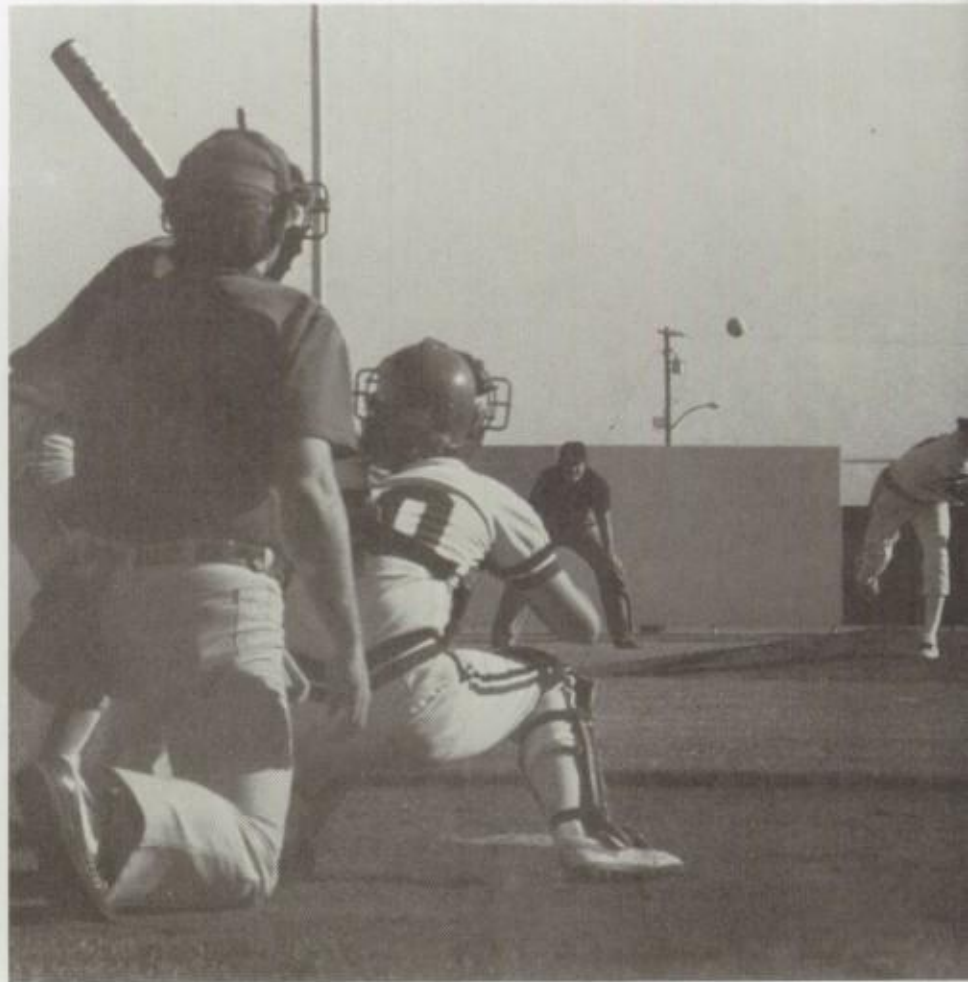


**Gunning Him Down.** Junior catcher David Wilson skillfully throws to second base.

**S-T-R-E-T-C-H.** In order to make the out, Lucas Alberto stretches to catch the ball.



**Strike Three!** Pitcher Daniel Nava fires a fastball to catcher David Wilson, striking out a Ceres batter.



One person to whom the whole Varsity Baseball Team turns for leadership is three-year starter Humberto Urquidez. During his sophomore year, Humberto moved to a starting position in the varsity line up and since then has contributed greatly to the championship drives in 1982 and 1983 (CCC, VOL). Coach Marty Boer said that "Humberto is a hard-working young man dedicated to baseball. He has a lot of talent and a great future ahead of him." Always friendly, quiet and unassuming, Humberto summed up his feelings by simply stating, "I just love to play baseball." □



Humberto Urquidez



**Time Out!** Coach Marty Boer discusses the game plan with infield players Walter Sutton, Les Kilcrease, Vince Furtado, and Lucas Alberto during a vital game.

**The Windup.** Daniel Nava winds up for the pitch while Lucas Alberto gets ready for the play.

**He's Outta There!** Humberto Urquidez and Robert Ott back J.B. Nicholson up as he makes the play on a Oakdale runner.



**Home Run!** During a tough game against Oakdale Bryan Miller makes a crucial hit.

**Safe!** J.B. Nicholson tags the base before a Livingston player can reach him.







**Double Play.** Displaying ability and quickness, Lucas Alberto and J.B. Nicholson make a great double play.

**In Motion.** Looking at the catcher, Les Kilcrease gets set to pitch.

**The Squeeze Play.** Robert Ott bunts to bring a runner in against Oakdale High School.



## Strong performances by top four

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In the 6-5 victory over Downey, Humberto Urquidez collected three hits and drove in three runs. The Panthers were trailing 3-2 entering the bottom of the second. They scored four runs to take the lead for the rest of the game. J.B. Nicholson had an RBI single and Urquidez banged a two-run single.

Nominated for Prep of the Week by the **Modesto Bee** was Robert Ott for pitching a no-hitter against Oakdale. More of the same is expected from him next year. He and David Wilson are the two top juniors on a team composed

of ten underclassmen. With this in mind, Boer thinks next year may be another league championship title, to go with the CCC title in 1982 and the VOL title in 1983.

Although the varsity team was young, they had a good season. In league play, the team to beat was Manteca. The Buffaloes were the overwhelming favorite, Oakdale looked solid with three returning all-leaguers, East Union was improving rapidly, and, like the MHS team, Sonora was rebuilding. Nonetheless, the Panthers were able to maintain a creditable standing.

"Although we are rebuild-

ing, this team could definitely have a playoff spot at the end of the season. All it will take is for the defense to keep up the work they've been doing and for their batting to come around!" stated Boer as they began league play.

The pitching staff consisted of Daniel Nava, Les Kilcrease, Bobby Ott, Brian Miller and relief pitcher Humberto Urquidez. Although most of them were young and inexperienced, Boer felt they could handle their jobs and do them well. They were ably backed up by defensive play in the field.

Looking to the future, Coach Boer observed, "Like I

said, this is our building season. We are young and next year we will have a lot more experience and we should do extremely well!"

This year, major improvements were made to the school field, and dugouts were added. Mr. Boer reported that for five years the players have been raising money and it finally paid off. The expenses were shared by the Booster Club and community members. Plans are to eventually paint the backstop, fence in the dugouts, and put a fence completely around the whole field. □

also contributing to this story were Butch Elinburg and Stefanie Wood



**Yer Out!** Putting his all into it, second baseman Robert Page throws the ball to home for the out.



**Close Call.** First baseman Brian Nelson waits anxiously for the ball to reach him ahead of the Bulldog batter.



**Go for the Gold.** Myron Warren sets to run for first base after slugging the ball.



**Safe!** After failing to steal second, Jim Hendricks slides successfully back to first.

**Into the Swing of Things.** Aiming for another score, Jim Hendricks swings into the ball.



## New coach, team race for title

by Ed Sciarini and Stephanie Frazier

Although the Sophomore Baseball Team wasn't the biggest in the school's history, the players showed suprising potential. Their coach, Chuck Hamilton, was new to MHS this year. He led the team through a successful season despite early difficulties, and they ended the year in good standing.

With a strong outfield consisting of Jim Hendricks in left, Shane Meyers at center, and Mike Bowling and Myron Warren alternating in right, the team also had a reliable

infield which included Brian Nelson on first, Lee Jarvis on second, Mike Rosa at short-stop and Randy Romey on third. From the bullpen came an excellent pitching staff: Mike Bowling, Brian Nelson, Mike Rosa, Shane Minor and Dan Sabala. With such a well-rounded defense, the JVs found their work half done.

An able offense was also included, with Jim Hendricks, Brian Nelson and Mike Rosa showing great hitting ability. Mike led the team in stolen bases and Brian Nelson showed excellent ability as an all-around player.

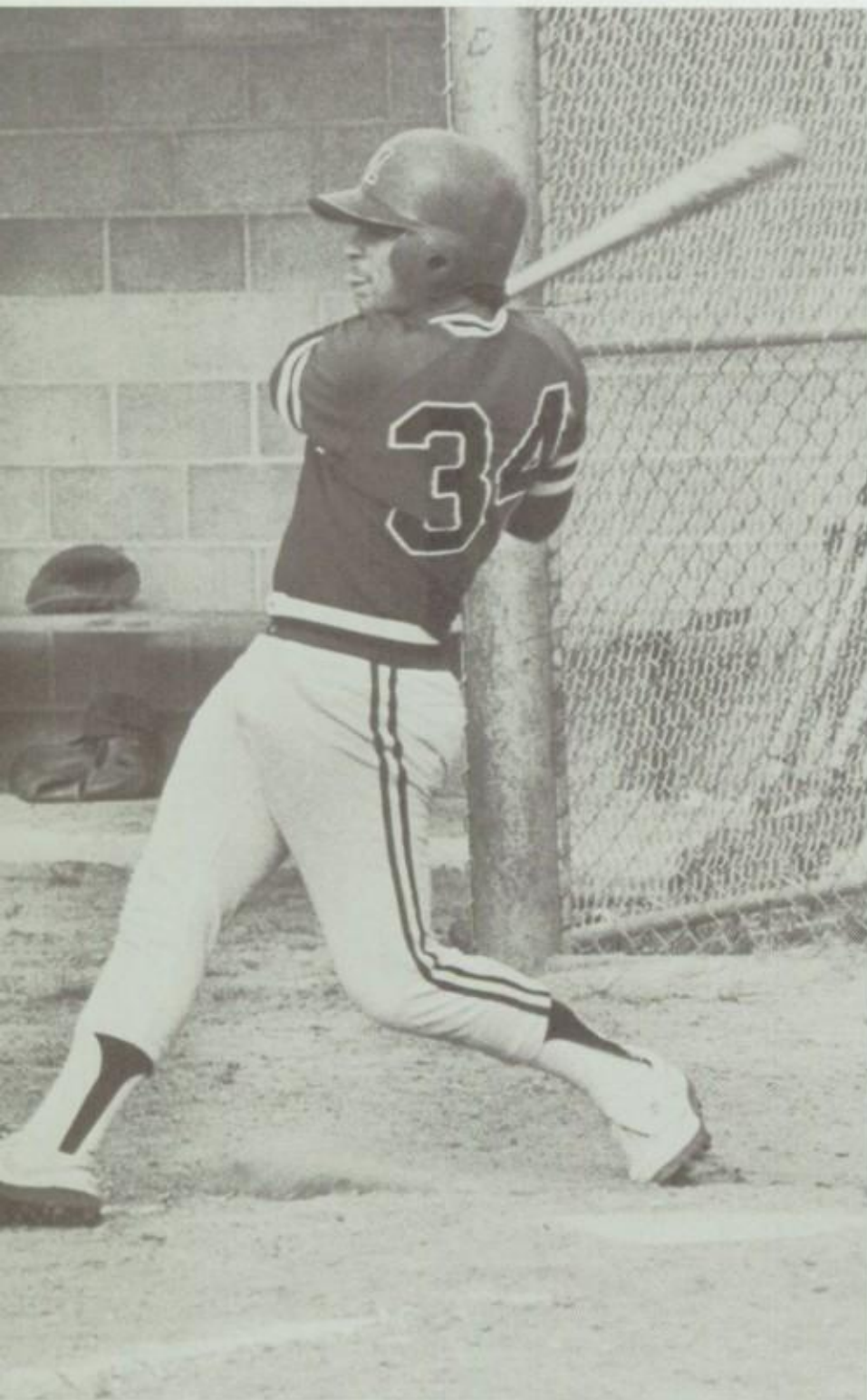
All these outstanding individuals were able to work together as an outstanding team. Putting forth a group effort, the sophs turned a slow start into a race for the title, and there was never a dull moment during a game. Team leader Brian Nelson was a frequent source of encouragement for his fellow players.

This year's infield worked as a finely tooled machine, with precision and speed. Rarely did a ball slip past them, nor did the opposing teams' runners fare well against them. And the outfielders seemed to be right under every fly ball.

"We saw a lot of improvement this year," stated Coach Hamilton. "As the season progressed, the guys learned from their mistakes and developed their skills. Not only did we have a good season this year, but we are also looking at an excellent team for next year's varsity."

The players tended to agree with him. "I think we have a very good team," stated second basemen Lee Jarvis. "We have a very good, brand new coach who works us real hard and who knows what he's doing. With a little more work, I think we could go all the way." □





**Setting the Pace.** Adding to his team's score, John Daily slams the ball out of sight.

### Sophomore Baseball

Date	Opponent
March 23	Manteca
March 27	Oakdale
March 30	Sonora
April 3	East Union
April 10	Manteca
April 13	Oakdale
April 24	Sonora
April 27	East Union
May 4	Manteca
May 8	Oakdale
May 11	Sonora
May 15	East Union

**Coach**  
**Chuck Hamilton**

**Sophomore Baseball Team,**  
**front row:** Shane Minor, Simon Sabala, Lee Jarvis, Robert Page, Danny Sabala, John Daily, Randy Romey. **back row:** Myron Warren, Jim Hendricks, Brian Nelson, Mike Rosa, Tom Nester, Mike Bowling.



**Getting the Out.** With only one out left to go, first baseman Brian Nelson tags the base ahead of a Ceres runner.

**Watch Out, Here It Comes!** Pitcher Shane Minor gets set to burn another one into the catcher's mitt.



**Grand Slam.** On his turn up to bat, Brian Nelson slams another one over the fence.



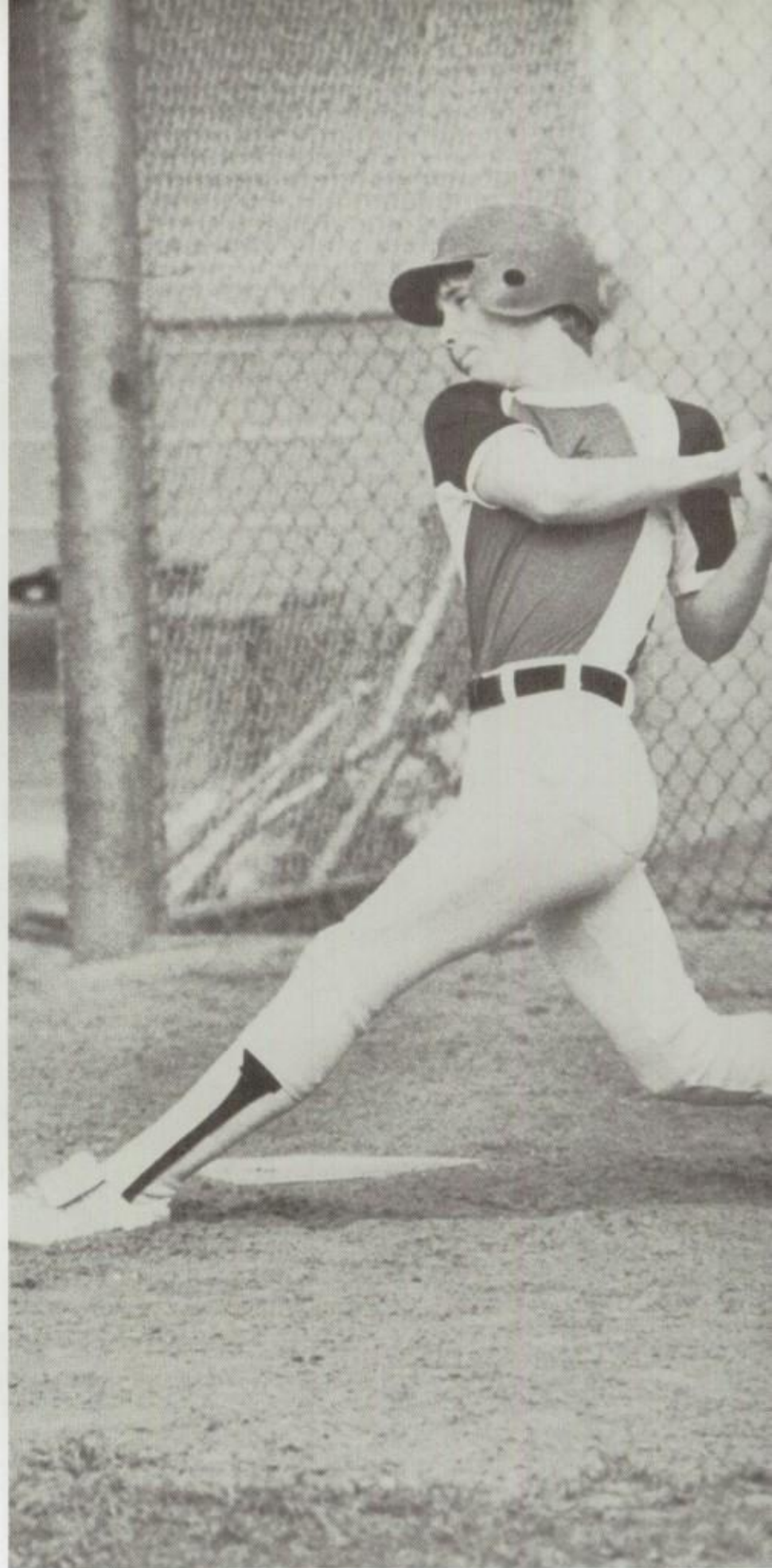
**Step Into It.** With his mind set on hitting a home run, Darin Stevens takes a powerful swing at the ball.



**Coach  
Ron Smith**

#### Frosh Baseball

Date	Opponent
March 22	Manteca
March 27	Oakdale
March 29	Sonora
April 3	East Union
April 10	Manteca
April 12	Oakdale
April 24	Sonora
April 26	East Union
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May 8	Oakdale
May 10	Sonora
May 15	East Union



**Freshman Baseball Team, front row:** Roman Perez, Steve Loya, Frankie Scott, Bryan Cordero, Matt Vaughan, Toby Corbin, Robby Castillo, John Snyder, Darin Stevens, Ron Jenkins. **back row:** Mike Harris, Johnny Cope, Jim

Harrell, Bill Birt, Richie Hall, Jim McGrath, Charles Wagner, John Honeycutt.

**Winning Play.** All eyes turn to Matt Vaughn as he takes a throw at first from catcher Richie Hall.



**Here It Comes!** As an opponent races to tag the base, Ronnie Jenkins is set to catch the ball.

**Get It in Gear.** Running at his top speed, Robby Castillo hopes to make it to first base before the ball.







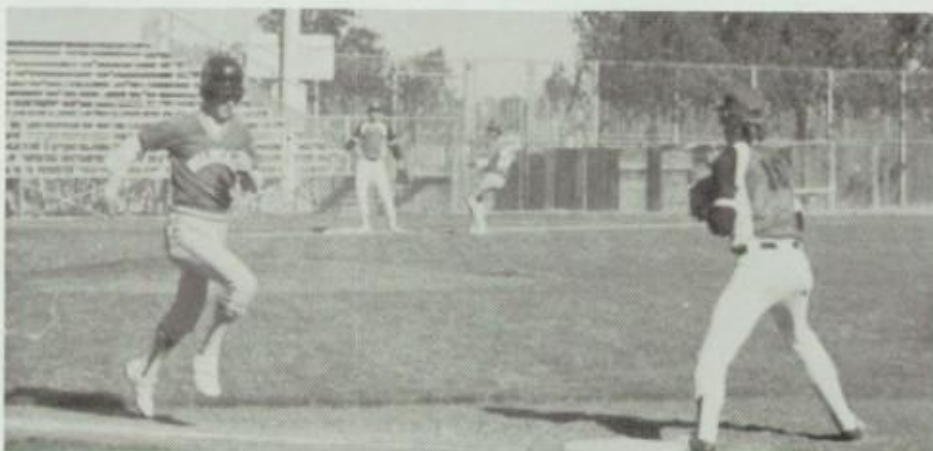
**Where Did It Go?** Richie Hall sets for a strenuous run after the ball makes contact with his powerful swing.

**Who's on First?** First baseman Charles Wagner waits for the throw as a Sonora batter dashes for the base.

**Swingin'.** Smiling at another good hit, Ronnie Jenkins prepares to take first base.

**Make My Day!** Standing ready in their places, John Honeycutt and Jim McGrath dare the opposing team to hit a ball their way.

**Letting It Loose.** Johnny Cope stands prepared in center field as Darin Stevens pitches another strike.



# Defense clinches win over Sonora

by Danita Swinburg and Jorge Dinis

The Freshman Baseball Team not only started out with new players but also with a new coach, Ron Smith, who had high expectations for his young team.

Pitchers were Darrin Stevens, Jim McGrath and John Honeycutt. All did a good job throughout the season. "And Richie Hall is probably the best catcher in

the league," enthused Coach Smith. He also observed that Johnny Cope was doing an exceptional job in centerfield. Infielders were Jim McGrath, Ronnie Jenkins, Darrin Stevens and Charles Wagner.

"Our fielders are some of the best in the league. With a little batting improvement we are going to go a long way!" stated centerfielder Johnny Cope with confidence.

Outstanding infielder Ron

Jenkins said "I think we had a good season because we've improved a lot since the first game. If we can maintain our momentum for next year we'll be awesome!" One of the best games the team played was against Sonora. It was tied 7-7 at the end of seven innings. But the young Panthers won in overtime, 8-7. The win was attributed to the team's excellent defense.

"We should have won all

our games but we didn't always get the breaks we needed," lamented Robby Castillo. "But we played a pretty good game against Sonora." With good weather and health, the team's prospects were excellent. "I have worked them hard all season on the fundamentals. I think they will be ready to be a winning sophomore team next year," Coach Smith stated. □

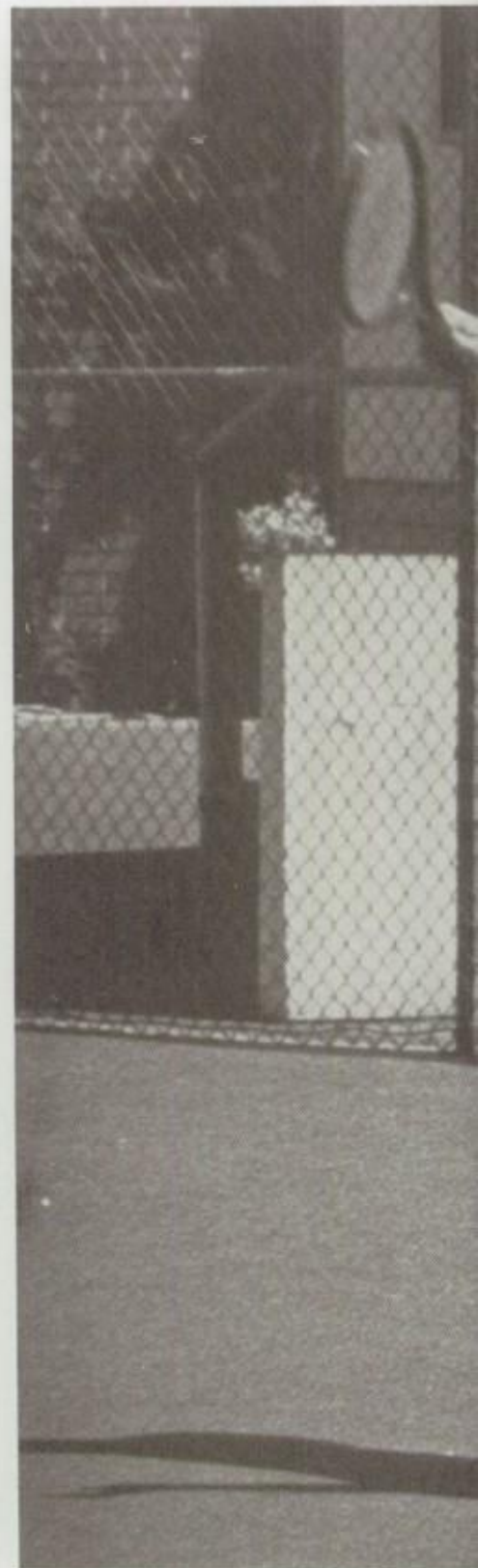


**Fore!** James Aldana shows excellent form as he begins a match.

**Concentrate.** Illo Rodoni plays an important role even though it is his first year on the team.

**Golf Team, front row:** Jeff Charron, Richard Brunetti, James Aldana. **back row:** Darren Ruskamp, Illo Rodoni, Jeff Hardenbrook, David Lopez.

**Keep Your Eye on the Ball.** With full strength and concentration, David Lopez tees off on the first hole.



## Tennis doubles up; golf rebuilds

by AuraLee Conley

Diligently practicing during seventh period and after school, the Boys' Tennis Team concentrated on perfecting their skills and techniques. Three days a week the team met to discuss their upcoming matches. Unlike the last couple of years, practices were not rained out and the boys had plenty of opportunities to try out the improvements which were suggested.

One advantage which gave the tennis team an edge over opponents was the fact that there were four seniors on the team. These players not only

brought their experience to the court but also their quickness and knowledge of the basic and fundamental skills.

"We have had a change of pace this year. Some of our single players have been challenged into playing doubles. This caused the boys to be more enthusiastic about practice," stated Coach Dee Killam as the season began. "Most of our team was made up of seniors. I must say that I am proud of the depth in talent they have displayed. I am sure this will be the best team ever!"

Golf is a skill-building, re-

laxing and enjoyable game, as anyone on the golf team will tell you. It not only builds concentration but also teaches the players discipline.

Members of the golf team worked under the guidance of Coach Herb Poddig. Every day these boys spent seventh period on the golf course in practice. They stayed after school in order to work on their own individual swings and drives, struggling to improve their competitive abilities but cutting a few strokes off their scores. The majority of the team members were seniors who

had acquired the talent that is required in golf.

Their opponents in the VOL consisted of Manteca, Sonora, East Union and Oakdale. Other opponents included Los Banos, Central and Ceres. Early in the season Coach Poddig stated, "We have aspirations of being VOL champions this year. The rest of the schedule is difficult, but with perseverance we should prevail. Next year will definitely be a rebuilding year, so I am counting on these young men to set the pace for future varsity players to strive for." □





**This Is My Way!** With ability and ease number one singles player Ryan Dunscomb uses a backhand for a return.

### Boys Tennis

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**Golf Coach  
Herb Poddig**



**Boys Tennis Team, front row:** Coach Dee Killam, Kelly Calkins, Aaron Lucero, John Bringas, Scott Wright, Mickey Nugent. **back**

**row:** Chris Dallenbach, Philip Cearly, Eddie Kidd, Roger Wright, Ryan Dunscomb, Chris Walter.



**I've Got It!** John Bringas returns an overhead smash.  
**Team Work.** As partner Chris

Dallenbach watches approvingly, Jerry Miller gives a forehand return.



**Right on Time.** Chris Dallenbach smashes a return volley during a game.



**Gosh I Hope It Works.** Intent on his work in chemistry class, Mario Gonzales prepares a beaker for his experiment.

**Believe Me, I Will Just Discuss This Briefly.** American history teacher Loren Horton explains the meaning of the "General Will" to his eager students.

**Don't Ask Me Why!** Cinema Arts Club president Anthony Presto explains the importance of quality work to members Ed Sciarini, Sandra Contreras, Chris Beatty, Pam Ketchum, Todd Hunnicutt, Dixie Weststeyn, Kim James, Ron Lopes and Michelle Azevedo.

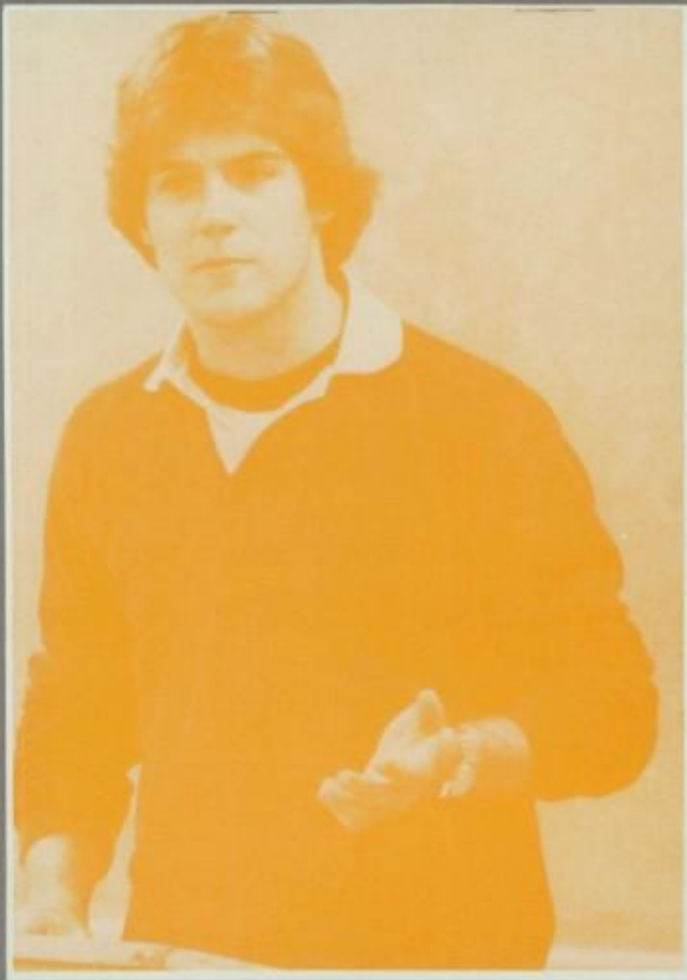
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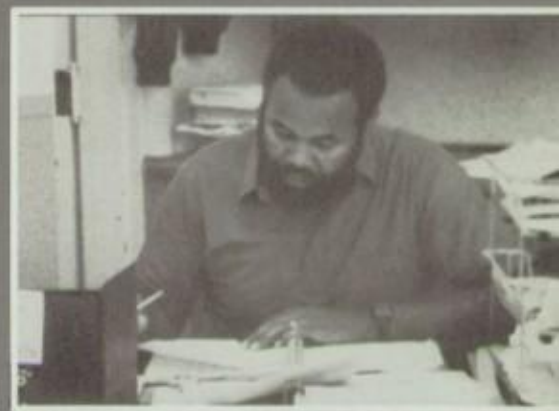
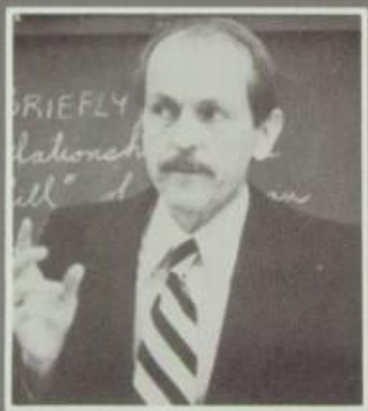




**May I Take a Look?** Vince Furtado sits back for Jerry Miller's critical approval as they compare design ideas in commercial art.

**Is Anybody Listening?** During an impromptu speech Loren Dieu emphasizes the problems of adequate financing for secondary education.

**Everyone in their Seats!** Intent on naming all the absentees, Mr. Bobby Cole fills out his second period ADA attendance sheet.



# the Commitment

by Stephanie Frazier

**D**rive, determination, and dedication are keys to scholastic achievement for which many students struggle while in high school. Though some may consider

it a heavy load to carry through four years of high school, many students found it a challenge. These students continually strove for excellence either in a certain field of study or in overall good grades. Despite striving for the satisfaction hard work brings, many fell short due to fact that one or more of the special keys was missing.

As a result of the higher standards of education imposed by the Modesto City Schools District, MHS's test scores for seniors have steadily improved for the past few years. The scores have risen above the national average, evidence of the dedication and hard work of MHS's faculty and students.

Curriculum requirements were recently changed in an effort to provide Panthers with a better education. Continuing its tradition of excellence, MHS expanded its curriculum by adding computer literacy classes. Looking forward to another 100 years, MHS plans to keep its students abreast of the latest developments and advancements in education,

while still retaining its heritage.

There are more than twenty organizations at MHS, each one involved in school or community activities. From the Science Club to Key Club, all that was needed for membership was an interest in the particular area. For the average student who longed to become involved, clubs were the perfect opportunity. There were other students, though, whose primary interest in membership was the fact that involvement in school clubs "looks good" on a high school transcript when applying to colleges for admission.

Getting involved is exactly what school life is all about. Students were always busy with fundraising events sponsored by their various clubs. The money raised was used for the clubs' activities. Lining the walls and corridors were signs advertising pending events and upcoming meetings.

Clubs will always be present as a reminder of the pride students have in their school and what it stands for. As times change, so do clubs. New ones are formed and some of the old ones are dropped as students' interests change. However, one thing will remain the same: the devotion, time, and interest MHS teachers show when they sponsor a club. They help students learn not only leadership skills but also valuable lessons that they will use the rest of their lives. □

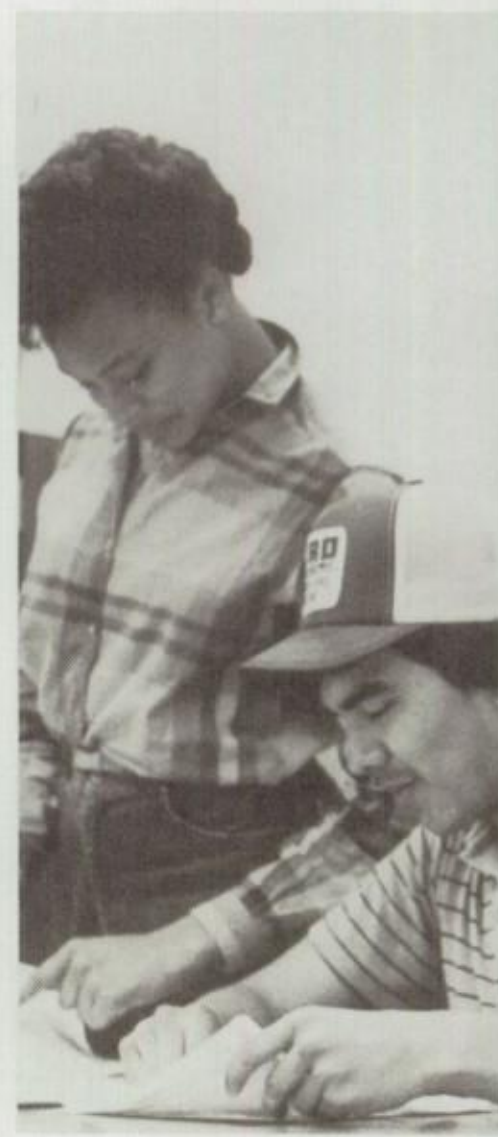


**Whaddaya Think of This?** Zulema Vento submits a story idea to editor Mary Yandell.

**How Many Rs in 'Harried'?** Lucy Toste finishes the typesetting assignment for the next edition of the **Broadcast**.

**One More Page and We're Finished!** Mona Simmons and Robert Wynashe cooperate on planning another newspaper layout.

**Broadcast Staff, front row:** Lucy Toste, advisor Tony Pruitt, editor Mary Yandell. **second row:** Mickey Prescott, Maria Salsi, Janet Strickland, Cindy Harrison, Ron Dixon, Ron Hill, Robert Wynashe. **back row:** Mona Simmons, Kim James, Viki Johnston, Sandra Contreras, Pam Lovett, Mickey Nugent, Monica Contreras.



**'Sycamore Leaves'** returns as a

## New addition to journalism department

by Hugo Vera

Every school needs a newspaper which ties together important school events. The paper is an excellent way of informing students of activities which may be of interest to them. The MHS newspaper, **The Broadcast**, did a good job of this.

**The Broadcast** was an essential part of school life. It not only included campus activities, but also local and international issues which were of interest to many students. The articles most popular among the student body were the latest results in boys' and girls' sports, movie and record reviews, opinion polls, and stories on school clubs. The newspaper was usually published every two weeks, under the direction of editor Mary Yandell and assistant editor Janet Strickland.

In order to be able to keep up

with printing costs, **The Broadcast** had to have some sort of fundraisers. **The Broadcast** staff raised money by selling calendars, having a weekend car wash, and participating in the annual Write-A-Thon, which was in cooperation with the yearbook staff and journalism classes.

The newspaper was unique in that every phase of production work was done entirely by student members, advised by Mr. Tony Pruitt. From writing the articles to taking pictures, typesetting, doing paste-ups and running the presses, students took a direct part in making our school newspaper the best possible. Staff member Mick Nugent commented, "**The Broadcast** is a students' newspaper and therefore should be produced by the students."

The Quill & Scroll Society is an honorary club provided for

students who excel in the journalistic field. Students are offered membership in this organization after being nominated by journalism teachers Tony Pruitt, Ken Williams, and Jim Shuman. Once membership is granted, it is for life.

**The Sycamore Leaves**, publishing for the first time in several years, was a literary magazine aimed at giving student writers a chance to publicize some of their works. Students were urged to submit their poems, short stories, or drawings to the club. Then, the student staff members organized and collected the material that they felt was worthy of publication. The club dates to the early thirties, and was most recently known as **Analecta**. Hopefully, **The Sycamore Leaves** literary club will again become a permanent feature of MHS. □



"I feel that journalism has helped me greatly in deciding on my future plans."

—Wendy Beauvals





**Jack Anderson, Look Out!** For Cindy Harrison, a writer's job is never done.

**Ah, More Misspelling!** Pam Lovett proofreads stories patiently.

**Quill & Scroll Society, front row:** Ruth Vera, Pam Lovett, Dixie Weststeyn, Christine Beatty, Tracy Uber, Chris Walter, Kashmir Gill. **second row:** Denise Presley, Angie Gonzalez, Wendy Beauvais, Sean Wani, Michelle Letcher, Mary Yandell,

Connie Dias. **third row:** Kim James, Jacy Lee, Justin Smith, Hugo Vera, Wayne Elam, Enrique Guajardo, Matt Stiles. **back row:** Ron Lopes, Michelle Azevedo, Ludy Veldhuizen, Carla Jarvis, Danita Swinburg, Marci Case, Dianne McHale, Sabrina Farris.



**Sycamore Leaves Staff, front row:** Leann Gilbert, Debbi Harris, Kim James. **back row:** Michele Letcher, Danita Swinburg, Michelle Azevedo, Viki Johnston.



**It Takes Time to Get Things Straight.** Lynette McClure finishes paste-up for her upcoming issue of the newspaper.

**How Often Do You Score?** Mona Simmons interviews Keith Waters, alias "basketball star," regarding his success on the varsity team.





**Sycamore Staff, front row:** Jerry Rocha, Paul Gibson, Hugo Vera, advisor James Shuman, Wayne Elam, Victor Curci. **second row:** Dianne McHale, Kim James, Eiko Akagi, Dixie Weststeyn, Kashmir Gill, Stephanie Frazier, Stephanie Heersink. **third**

**row:** Danita Swinburg, Michelle Azevedo, production manager Joe Gallardo, Connie Dias, Sean Wani, Sabrina Farris, Jake Weston. **fourth row:** Ed Sciarini, Jacy Lee, Zusi Zuniga, Stefanie Wood, Butch Elinburg, Ryan Dunscomb, Jaime Perez,

Jorge Dinis. **fifth row:** Gilbert Sianez, Marcos Madrid, José Garcia, Denise Presley. **in tree:** Mike Toso, Scott McKenzie, Rhonda Albright, Robert Berry, Chris Beatty, Lori Howell, Ron Lopes, Anthony Presto.

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**Next Story, Please.** Typing endless stories and captions keeps typesetter Dixie Weststeyn busy.

**What Page?** Editor Sabrina Farris gives copy editor Connie Dias a hand with the hectic index filing job.



**Snapshot.** Photo editor Jake Weston concentrates on his subject during a typical day's shooting.

## Larger than usual staff achieves goal of meeting deadlines while

by Sabrina Farris

Setting goals and working diligently to achieve those objectives were the main concerns of the 1984 **Sycamore** staff. After suffering from late deliveries due to missed deadlines in several previous years, the staff decided there would be no late delivery because they would finish the yearbook on time. Also, the administration declared that if the deadlines weren't met, the pages would be blank. Since MHS is known for producing top quality yearbooks, the staff began to realize the importance of meeting their agreed-upon deadlines, and no one really wanted to be responsible for having a blank page.

After 12 years of dedicated supervision, James Shuman





**Not This Year?** Rejection is one thing Sean Wani had to handle as business manager.



**Try This One.** Phil Shuman and Hugo Vera experiment with drawing layouts during some free class time.



**Always Cut to the Outside.** Production manager Joe Gallardo explains to layout editor Jaime Perez the importance of proper paste-up technique.



## Keeping the Panther Heritage going strong

once again advised the 40 member staff, along with two-year production manager and alumnus Joe Gallardo. The largest staff in years, composed of 27 seniors and 13 juniors, found yearbook production to be a bit easier than in previous years. An important factor in meeting deadlines was that eight members had served on the 1983 staff and were well-experienced in all aspects of yearbook production. Also, as a new change to improve organization and increase responsibility, a few individuals were assigned to specific sections of the book. They were in charge of making sure staff members completed their stories and spreads properly and also helped them out with any problems that occurred with pic-

tures, copy, features, and information.

Starting in July, a series of brainstorming sessions were held in which staff members discussed some possible theme ideas. After several meetings, the theme "MHS: The Heritage Lives On" was chosen, in order to follow up on last year's Centennial celebration while also focusing on a new era. At the end of the month, five staff members made a trip to the annual yearbook conference in Santa Barbara. While there, staff members attended seminars on copy writing, photography, layout design and the "do's and don'ts" of making a quality yearbook.

Layout ideas were developed and prepared in a second period "layout class" under the direc-

tion of production manager Joe Gallardo. The class consisted of ten advanced students in typesetting, photography, and layout and was held during Mr. Shuman's prep period. As ideas were developed, production progressed, and in the first two weeks of April the book was completed successfully, thanks to the dedicated staff and advisors.

Although the staff went almost five months without a local company representative to assist them, they worked hard together and helped each other. By planning ahead, compromising with one another, and most importantly meeting deadlines, the 1984 **Sycamore** staff achieved their goals and produced a yearbook of which they could be justly proud. □



**"The designing of the yearbook is a great project. I enjoyed my work as a photographer and as a member of the staff."**

**—Chris Luckhaus**



Enrollment up,  
English staff is

# Adapting to a two-campus department

by Anthony Preslo



"Although it is like a new club this year, I'm glad we revived an old one from the history of MHS. I really have faith in the Cinema Arts program. There is a great deal of interest and cooperation."

—Ed Sclarini

The English Department went through some extremely tough times in the last few years: overcrowded classrooms, a low budget, and a shortage of books. But things have improved somewhat. The addition of three new teachers and expansion to the north campus helped to alleviate some of the problems suffered in the past.

"Even though the enrollment is large, I think that Masterpieces is looking up since we have more textbooks and supplies," stated Mr. Autry, co-department chairman and Masterpieces of Literature teacher.

Enrollment in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) classes was higher than ever. GATE is an advanced level of education. The classes are a little more difficult but they are also a little more interesting. Students sometimes go to the

extremes of acting out scenes from their reading assignments.

"I'm really enthusiastic about GATE because it's fun to work with kids who are so interested in learning," stated GATE teacher Megan Gowans.

GATE seemed to be the only section of the department without financial problems. Parents of the students involved in GATE played a large role in supporting the program, along with student fundraisers. The money raised was used for their various expenses such as field trips.

In the debate and speech class, students learned how to give different kinds of com-

petitive speeches and the proper procedures used in debate. Students in the class were given extra credit if they gave a speech or participated in debate tournaments for the National Forensic League.

A new addition to the English Department was the Cinema Arts Club. Active in the late 20s and 1930s, the club became inactive in the late 40s due to lack of participation, but has been revived this year by a group of ambitious juniors and seniors. The purpose of the club is to develop knowledge and skill in cinematography through the English, art, and photography classes.



**I Disagree.** Sean Wani makes his point in an active debate with Lauri Medeiros.

**Slightly Dazed.** Heather Moore tries to pay close attention to Mrs. Sharon Fowler's English lecture.



**Making Fools of Themselves.** Chris Beatty, Holly Beatty, and Vickie Johnston act out a scene in their GATE class.







**Patience.** Mrs. Sharon Fowler calmly teaches her radical freshman English class.

**Ready to Fight.** Ed Sciarini, the witch, stands up for his rights at a GATE trial.

**Hamming It Up.** Jenny Lynn Abbott portrays Emily Dickenson in a scene for GATE classes.



**Cinema Arts Club, front row:**

Danita Swinburg, Kim James, Holly Beatty, Alicia Ehle, Secretary-Treasurer Chris Beatty, Sandra Contreras, Michelle Azevedo. **middle row:** President Anthony Presto, Vickie Johnston, Dana Sergis, Orlan-

do Madrid, Hugo Vera, Jason Medeiros, Patrick Ketchum.

**back row:** David Scarborough, Kelly Calkins, Phil Shuman, Paul Gibson, Renato Balenovich, Loren Dieu, Vice President Ed Sciarini.



**Talking Nonsense.** Arthur Martinez does a speech for NFL.

**Working Hard.** Sandra Contreras and Chris Beatty try to put together a film script for the Cinema Arts Club.



**National Forensic League, front row:** Sonya Howard, Maria Mayer, Chris Beatty, Maxi Magaña, Abigail Williams, Sandra Contreras, Advisor Megan Gowans. **middle row:**

Pam Sufi, Sean Wani, Debbi Rios, Sherry Brownlee, Jana Rhine, Hugo Vera. **back row:** Alicia Bert, Ron Lopes, Kim James, Phil Cearley, Loren Dieu, Renato Balenovich, Lauri Medeiros.



# Making decisions affecting student life

by Chris Beatty

Every Monday sixteen students crowd into the small student body office to plan events for the school year and to discuss very important business. Who are they? They're the Student Council, the governing body of the associated students.

The job of the Student Council began with their first meeting on August 30. After the start of the school year, there was plenty to do. Some of the jobs of the council involved planning dates for school dances and approving fundraisers for the various school clubs.

Accomplishments of the Student Council included implementing the new by-laws concerning election procedures for kings and queens. The council bought a new scoreboard for basketball games and had the wrestling mats refinished. As expected, the council spent more money than they made during the course of the year.

Many things were accomplished by the Student Council, mainly because they worked together. "We really came together as a group this year," Lauri Medeiros stated enthusiastically. "We were very efficient and organized. This was shown by the fact that we always finished the agenda."

Reinstated this year was the Student Curriculum Committee. Last year, because of the many changes occurring, the use-

fulness of the committee was questionable. This year though, the conditions were favorable, thus promoting an active interest. "Now we can really get down to some great work!" exclaimed Ms. Diane Dana, advisor to the committee.

There were 32 applicants for a position on the Student Curriculum Committee when it was reorganized during the spring semester, but only 20 people could be selected. These students represented various academic areas and the general, vocational and academic plans. There was also a representative from each grade.

The purpose of the Student Curriculum Committee was to give the student members information concerning the material and methods used in the classrooms while giving teachers and administrators feedback from

the students. With major changes in the entire high school curriculum proposed by the District, the members of this committee had an extra responsibility. New textbooks and new course descriptions were being evaluated and proposed for science, math, social science and English. It was up to the SCC to provide a student point of view for the administration.

The Student Council and the Student Curriculum Committee both worked hard to make MHS the great school it has always been. Said activities director Rodney Owen, "Under the fine leadership of Sean Wani and Sabrina Farris, Student Council was highly organized. Despite lack of funds, the council has provided superb assemblies, programs and activities, and has endeavored to support the athletic program." □



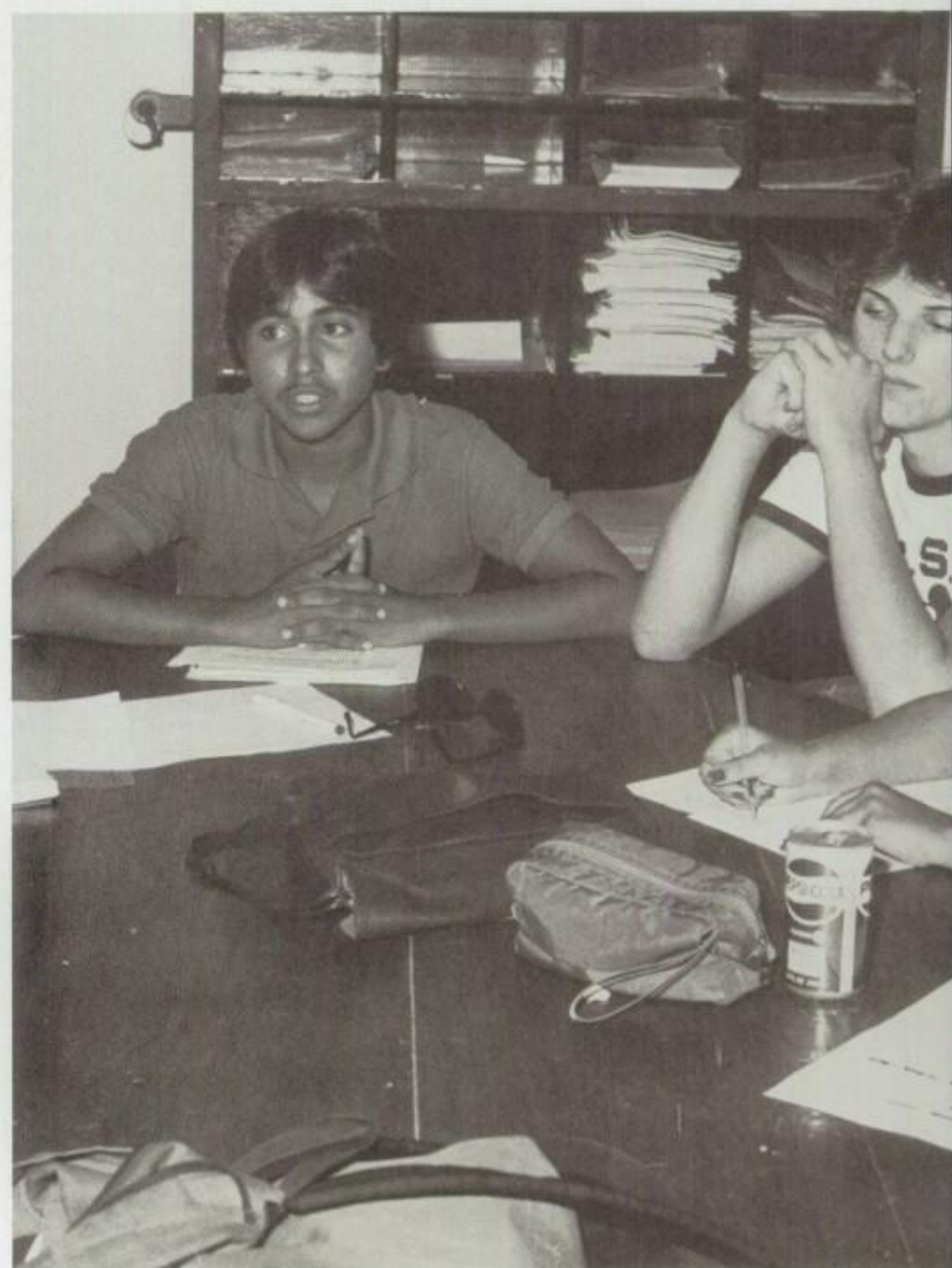
"It couldn't have been a better year. With officers and advisors who are great to work with, Student Council accomplished most of its main goals."

—Sean Wani



**Attention!** Making sure they catch all the facts, Donna DeSimone, Lori Howell and Ron Lopes listen to the discussion.

**Summer Fun.** Meeting during August, Sean Wani, Ron Lopes, Lauri Medeiros and Leslie Anglim make plans for the oncoming year.







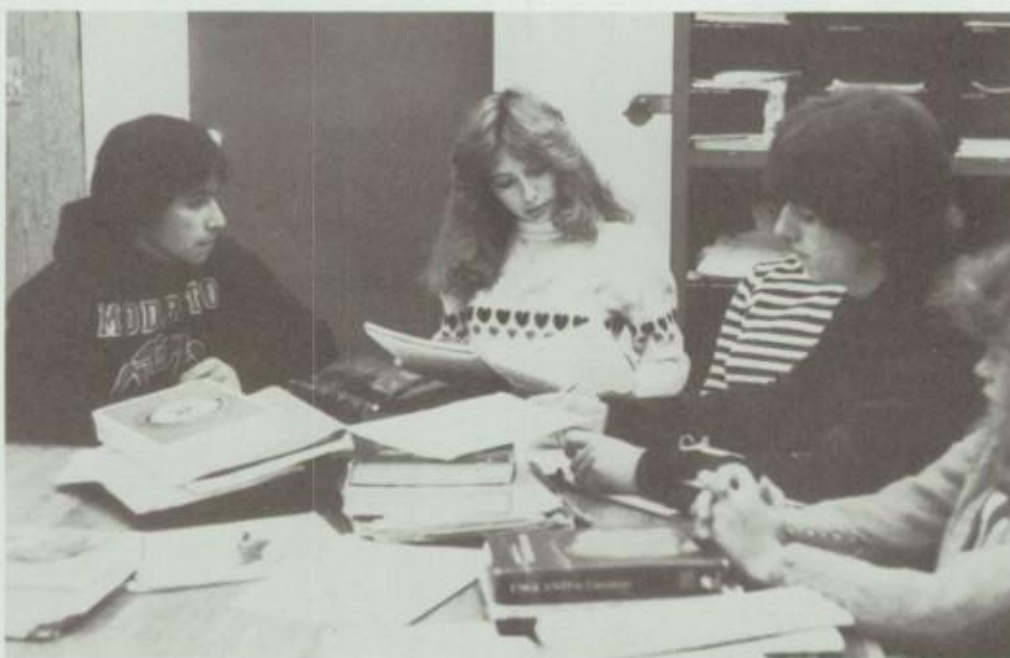
**Getting Down to Business.** Sitting around the crowded table in the Student Body Office, Pam Sufi, Niki Smith and Sherri Cope participate in the discussion on financial allocations.



**Bad News First.** With plenty of business to discuss, Student Activities Director Rodney Owen explains the reasoning behind the administration's decision to reduce the number of rallies while Denise Presley and Sean Wani await a chance for discussion.

**Student Council, front row:** Shawyne Clark, secretary Connie Dias, Lori Howell, treasurer Denise Presley, president Sean Wani, vice president Sabrina Farris. **back row:** Pauline

Anaya, Niki Smith, Pam Sufi, Darren Jenkins, Pam Ketchum, Christine Beatty, Loree Oaks, Lauri Medeiros, Ron Lopes, Leslie Anglim, advisor Rodney Owen.



**The Meeting Began at 7:55 . . .** Sean Wani, Ron Lopes and Lauri Medeiros listen as Sabrina Farris reads the minutes of a previous meeting.

**Lost in Space.** Waiting out a temporary lull, Niki Smith, Christine Beatty, Sherri Cope and Pauline Anaya direct their attention elsewhere.



**What's Next?** With varying degrees of interest, Loree Oaks, Pam Ketchum, Pam Sufi, Christine Beatty, Lori Howell and Denise Presley listen to new business.



**AFS, front row:** Tamara Scarbrough, Socorro Stroud, Jessie Lemos, Robert Contreras, Holly Beatty, Alicia Ehle, Christine Beatty, Sandra Contreras, Shawyne Clark, Monica Contreras. **middle row:** Ernie Radza, Tom Pierce, Michelle Azevedo, Kim James, Sean Wani, Marcos Madrid, Eiko Akagi,

Patrick Ketchum, Advisor Maridale Smith, Virginia McKibben, Debra Emord. **back row:** Danita Swinburg, Leticia Zamora, Paul Wright, Aaron King, Vickie Johnston, Dana Sergis, Loren Dieu, Christian Luckhaus, Illo Rodoni, Phil Shuman, Michelle Letcher.



**Gotta Finish.** Working intently, Sheryl Burrow, Sabrina Farris, Pam Ketchum, Ron Lopes, and Jolene Howser attempt to finish their government assignments before the bell rings.



**Scholarly advice.** Mr. Baddell offers his "college knowledge" to Connie Dias, Kashmir Gill and Sabrina Farris.

**Another Assignment.** Using

their time wisely, Lisa Negele, Kris Wing, Anne Verissimo, Katy McGrath, Vickie Johnston, Dana Sergis, and Karin Smith finish their American history assignments.



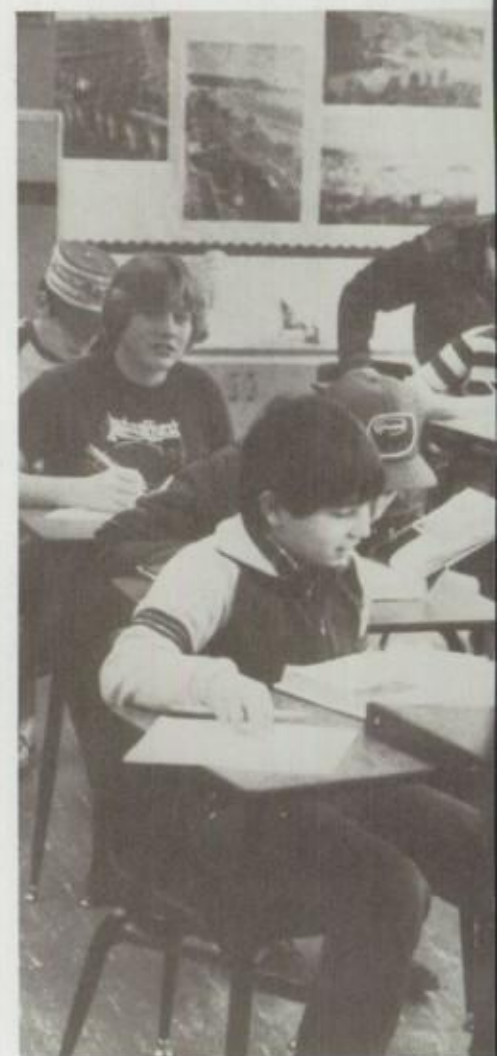
**CSF, front row:** Laura Wheeler, Tammy Rancour, Lydia Alberto, Jessie Lemos, Debby Harris, Shawyne Clark, Marcos Madrid, Angel Senseney, Sandra Contreras, Connie Dias, Lisa Negele. **second row:** Manbin Khaira, Dixie Weststeyn, Iqbal Gill, Lauri Medeiros, Kim James, Sean Wani, Debbi Rios, Cindy Vermeulen, Ludy Veldhuizen, Hugo Vera, Patrick Ketchum, Kashmir Gill. **third row:** Kris Wing,

Ofelia Trujillo, Michelle Azevedo, Sabrina Farris, Linda Walker, Rachel Cole, Stephanie Frazier, Orlando Madrid, Martin McCarthy, Dee Dee Wyeth, John Bringas, Michelle Simar, Stephanie Heersink. **back row:** Advisor Walter Baddell, Brian Nelson, Vickie Johnston, Ron Lopes, Dana Sergis, Rick Trevino, Karin Smith, Loren Dieu, Todd Hunnicutt, Renato Balenovich, Raymond Cox.



**What a Day.** Listening to every word, Paul Gibson and Orlando Madrid take in all the information being given by the speaker.

**Longitude, Latitude . . .** Settling down to their world geography assignments are Joel Solinger, Chris Eyerly, Joel Lopez, Mike Genasci and John Negele.







**Notes, Notes, Notes!** As the guest speaker relates his information, Cindy Harrison, Rhonda Bowling, and Ryan Dunscomb listen carefully so they can take good notes.



**Everybody Listen.** Mr. John Miller explains the next chapter of American history to his class.



**Studying Hard.** As Mona Simmons, Martha Morales, and Jesse Mendoza work diligently, Albert Cardoso stops to check the chalkboard.

**AFS Club provides  
what textbooks lack**

## First-hand learning in social studies

by Danita Swinburg

Throughout a student's four years in high school, there were many required classes including those in the Social Science Department, headed by Mr. Jack Sample. Three years were spent memorizing dates, countries, and battles. From freshman world geography class to senior government classes, students learned a wide range of facts and principals connected with social science. Only the sophomore year was exempted, unless one failed geography the year before.

The world geography class introduced everything from the resources of different countries to learning how to read a map properly. American history was a required class for all juniors. Here they were familiarized with

the colorful history of the United States. Finally, in the student's senior year, government was taken. A requirement for graduation, it covered a diverse amount of materials, from the economic and political systems of the world to government at the local level.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in a different country? By being a part of the American Field Service (AFS), students are given the opportunity to spend a school year or a summer in a foreign country and to experience a different culture. At MHS there was one AFS exchange student, Christian Luckhaus, from West Germany. Four other foreign students also attended MHS, but they traveled through other sponsorships.

To become eligible to travel abroad, an applicant must endure various levels of interviews and fill out many applications. The final screening takes place in New York, after which the candidates are informed if they qualified. Last year, Marvin Davis was selected to go to Venezuela for the '83-'84 school year. Two MHS students that were accepted to study abroad next year were junior Shawyne Clark and senior Loren Dieu.

Joining AFS is a different and more enjoyable way of learning about social science. It is a good way for students to experience first-hand the different social aspects of other countries and for exchange students to learn about ours. What textbooks cannot convey, AFS brings across vividly. □



**'AFS is a terrific club to be in because you can really get involved in the challenge of learning to adapt to languages and social customs different from ours. It's a rare experience with a wonderful group of people really backing you.'**

—Carla Jarvis



**In the Spotlight.** Brenda Roach places the royal ribbon around BSU king Lonnie Anderson's neck.

**Wrapping It Up.** At the end of the annual BSU Assembly, Crystal Crowley, Mona Simmons, Rodell Meeks, Lonnie Anderson, Sabrina Oliney, Abbye Williams, and Junior Shaird take a final bow before their exit.

**MASA, front row:** Yolanda Alberto, Yolanda Madrid, Olga Alberto, Cecilia Peral, Lidia Iruegas. **second row:** Lucas Alberto, José Alberto, Lydia Alberto, Beatriz Velasquez, Maribel Delgado, Yolanda Hernandez, Rosa Sanchez. **third row:** Advisor Albino Franco, advisor José

Banda, Isaac Brambila, Leticia Zamora, Lucia Siañez, Rosalva Flores. **back row:** Pedro Dominguez, Ofelia Trujillo, Gloria Ordaz, Jaime Jimenez, Eddie Jimenez, Daniel Vera, Isidro Aguayo, Miguel Rivera.



**1984 BSU Royalty.** Queen Sabrina Oliney and King Lonnie Anderson.

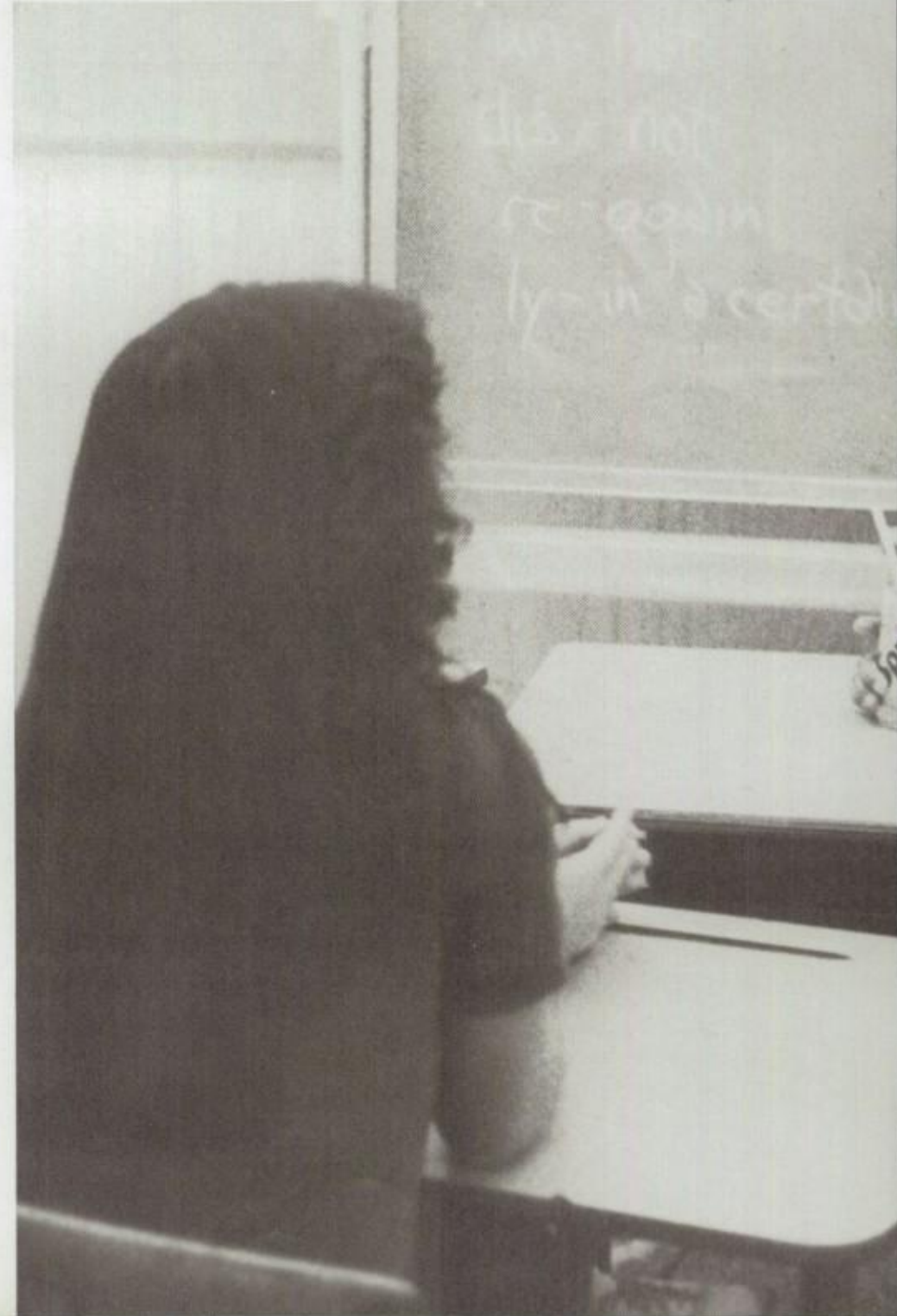
**Getting It Together.** MASA members Yolanda Madrid and Soccoro Castro discuss upcoming club activities at a lunchtime meeting.



**BSU, front row:** Climmie Thomas, Joyce McClain, Gina Nelson, Sabrina Oliney, Ramona Mackri, Jacy Lee, president Abbye Williams. **second row:** Theodosia Parker, Denise Nelson, Marcy Jar-

vis, Bridgette Simmons, Diane Polk, Camilla Tillmon. **back row:** Vice president Crystal Crowley, Mona Simmons, Terry Roach, Brenita Norris, Karla Hill, Patricia Williams, Melinda Lee, Rodell Meeks.

**Thinking Ahead.** During a MASA meeting, Yolanda Madrid and Lydia Alberto give the rundown on a fundraising idea.





Focusing on their ethnic backgrounds,

# Clubs favor wide cultural diversity

by AuraLee Conley

Among the many clubs and groups available at MHS, there are two very special and unique organizations. They are particularly important in retaining the individuality of their members while still focusing on their group image. In fact, these two clubs play a big part in the process of developing and changing our attitudes about ethnic minorities. The Black Students' Union (BSU) and the Mexican American Student Association (MASA) encouraged their members to operate as individuals while still respecting and enjoying their cultural heritages.

Because we are all so different, MASA and BSU were both active in their goals of togetherness. They tried to share with everyone their pride, individuality, feelings, cultures, celebrations, and just how im-

portant differences in people can be.

The Black Students' Union organized their annual assembly during black history week. They shared with the entire student body the culture of black Americans. The BSU assembly included a speech by Councilman Richard Patterson who spoke of his journey to Africa and stated, "It was exciting to see where my ancestry roots began." BSU king was Lonnie Anderson and Sabrina Oliney was chosen queen. The assembly also consisted of breaking and popping exhibitions and some information on famous Black Americans.

MASA was also active in trying to break cultural barriers while sharing their cultural heritage. They constantly strove to create an atmosphere of cooperation among themselves and with the entire school

population. They were particularly active in helping recent immigrant students adjust to a new school and country.

Like the BSU, MASA held an annual assembly to inform and educate the "outsiders." During the Cinco de Mayo assembly the student body was treated to a view of all the different Mexican dances and an explanation of the different Mexican celebrations.

Both clubs held a series of fundraisers to raise money for their various activities, including educational trips and scholarships, as well as other financial needs of the clubs. One of the most successful was the selection of queens by coin voting. □

**Movin' and Groovin'.** Snapping into the beat, ABC Poppers Ronnie Guerrero, Jimmy Purcelli, Bobbie Jimenez, Troy Smith, Mark Brown and Larry Starjar entertain the entire student body.



**"I feel that BSU is a lot better this year. We have a good group of officers who really want to make BSU a success."**

**—Abbye Williams**



**Hoppin' and Poppin'.** As the show continues, Ronnie Guerrero shows off his cross-overs as the other members of the ABC Poppers wait their turns at individual routines.

**Getting Down to Business.** Contentedly isolated, MASA member Rosie Cervantes is lost in concentration as she takes notes.

**Three of a Kind.** As the BSU fun continues, Ramona Mackri, Rodell Meeks, and Denise Ingram announce the next event in "three-part harmony."



Math classes  
multiply as

# Academic interest sparks enrollment

by Ron Lopes



**"Having been enrolled in a math class for four years at MHS, I feel I now possess the technological requirements which I will need to fulfill my future goal of becoming a doctor."**

**—Lauri Medeiros**

Whether you had a deep interest in mathematics or didn't want to know anything past two plus two, the Math Department was sure to have the course you needed. Offering a wide range of classes from basic math to analysis, this department had virtually something for everyone. The growing interest in math was displayed by the increased enrollment and involvement in the Math Club. Also, there was a larger number of people willing to participate in the annual Stanislaus County Mathematical Superbowl.

Miss Ila Westfall, in her second year as chairman of the Math Department, was advisor

#### The First Derivative of X Equals...

Listening intently to a lecture in analysis, Eric Radza, Debby Harris, and Cindy Vermeulen react with varying degrees of interest.

to the Math Club. Miss Westfall was very enthusiastic about the growth in the Math Department. Part of the increase in the number of students and teachers was due to the passage of a state bill which required two years of math rather than one for high school graduation.

"An extremely cooperative group of exceptional teachers" is how Miss Westfall described the Math Department staff. Joining the experienced Math Department teachers were Dennis Flores and Bill Stanfield, all new to MHS. Essentially, every one of them seemed to adjust well and to exhibit an interest in MHS. New to the Math Department, but not new to the school, was Bobby Cole who began teaching a basic math class.

The purpose of the Math Club was to provide an opportunity

for students with a common interest in math to gather. One of the main objectives of the club was to prepare the competitive team which represented Modesto High at the Stanislaus County Mathematical Superbowl. This was an event in which students from area high schools competed with each other by demonstrating their mathematical abilities. Under the leadership of president Dixie Weststeyn, vice president Kashmir Gill, secretary Michelle Letcher, and treasurer Ron Lopes, the Math Club worked vigorously on fund raising to provide money for several different group events. Also, a portion of the club's treasury went toward the establishment of two scholarships which were given to outstanding math students planning to attend college. □



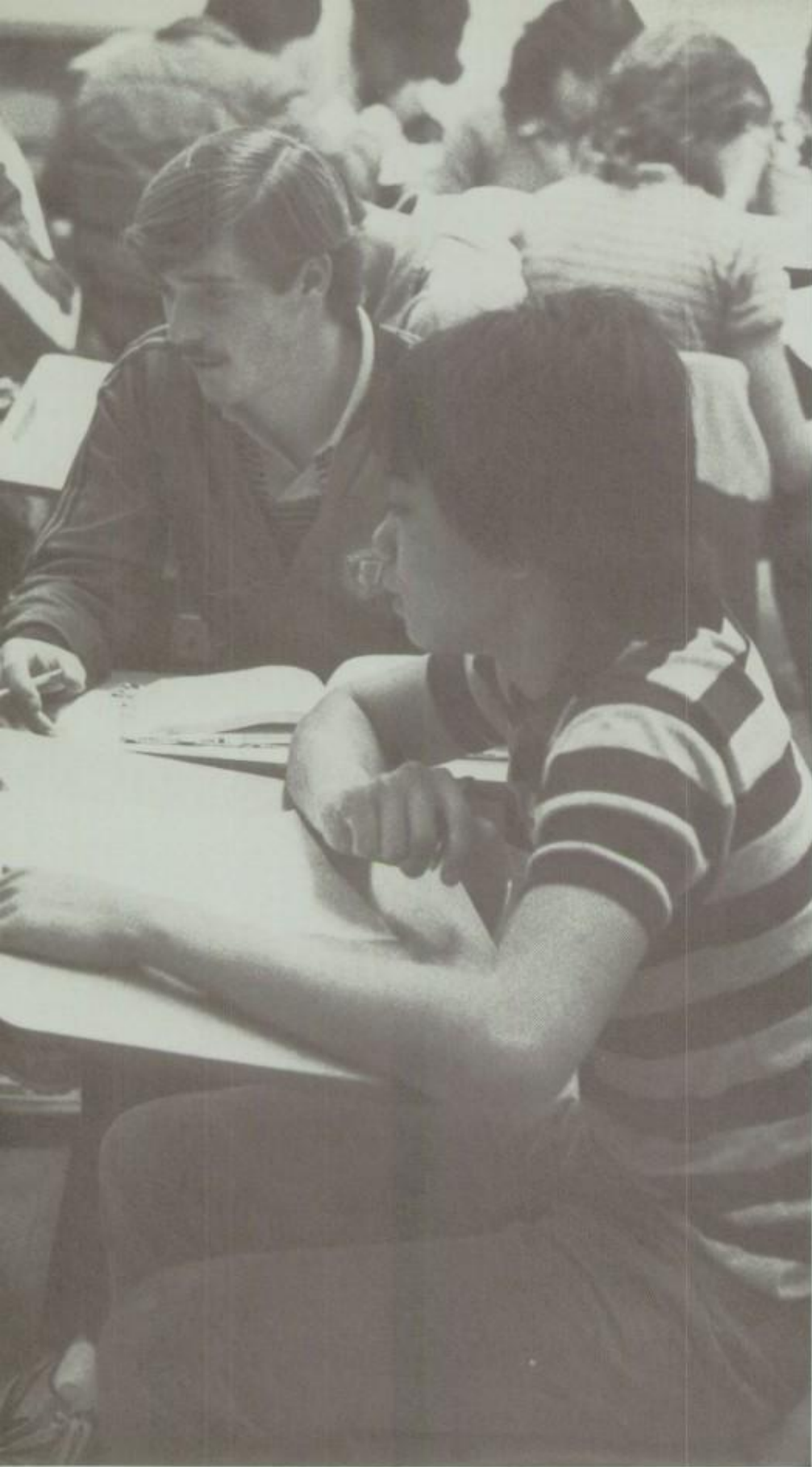
**Big Plans in Progress.** Michelle Letcher, Danita Swinburg, and Diana Wyeth discuss fund raising plans during a Math Club meeting.

**Hey, This is Fun!** Finding a geometry problem easier than expected, David Ramirez, Lonnie Anderson, Junior Shaird, and Roger Wani complete their assignments.

**Work, Work, Work.** Basic math students Lanh Pham, Arthur Prieto, Mary Chavez, Yolanda Marcoff, and Malay Sok race to finish their work.







**Let's Get Goin'.** Grouping together, Zeke Duque and Patrick Genio begin to get a head start on their math homework.

**Math Club, front row:** Debby Harris, Sean Wani, Iqbal Gill, Daisy Nand, Michelle Letcher, Darlene Gong, Advisor Ila Westfall. **second row:** Marcos Madrid, Dixie Weststeyn,

Danita Swinburg, Leeann Gilbert, Sandra Contreras, Dee Dee Wyeth, Ludy Veldhuizen. **third row:** Tammy Westfall, Lauri Medeiros, Linda Walker, Eilo Akagi, Patrick Ketchum, Michelle Azevedo, Sherry Brownlee. **back row:** Kashmir Gill, Rick Trevino, Loren Dieu, John Bringas, Ron Lopes, Raymond Cox.



**... I Just Might Understand!** Amazed at the wonderful world of math, Debby Harris pays close attention in her analysis class.



**Can You Repeat That, Please?** Kenny Leer, Anoosheh Brohan, Ofelia Trujillo and Yvette Loya struggle to take notes in advanced algebra.



**Need Some Help?** Assisting Aaron Augustine with a geometry problem is Miss Ila Westfall, Math Department chairperson.

**Time for a Test.** Racing to beat the clock, algebra students Bill Birt, Armando Vera, and James Robinson try to finish before the bell rings.



**Future Einstein.** Junior Nancy Ragar busily constructs a type of carbon atom.

**Science Club, front row:** Cindy Vermeulen, Lauri Medeiros, Terry Christensen, Kim James, Holly Beatty, Catherine Mihelis, Sandra Contreras.

**middle row:** Secretary Laura Wheeler, Linda Walker, Rachel

Cole, Michelle Azevedo, Dee Dee Wyeth, Ludy Veldhuizen, Patrick Ketchum. **back row:** Advisor Odell Scott, Treasurer Jack LaFountain, Paul Gibson, Phil Shuman, Vice President Vickie Johnston, President Arthur Martinez, John Bringas.



**Chess Club, front row:** Gilbert Sianez, Kathy Verissimo, Michele Ehrler, Ludy Veldhuizen.

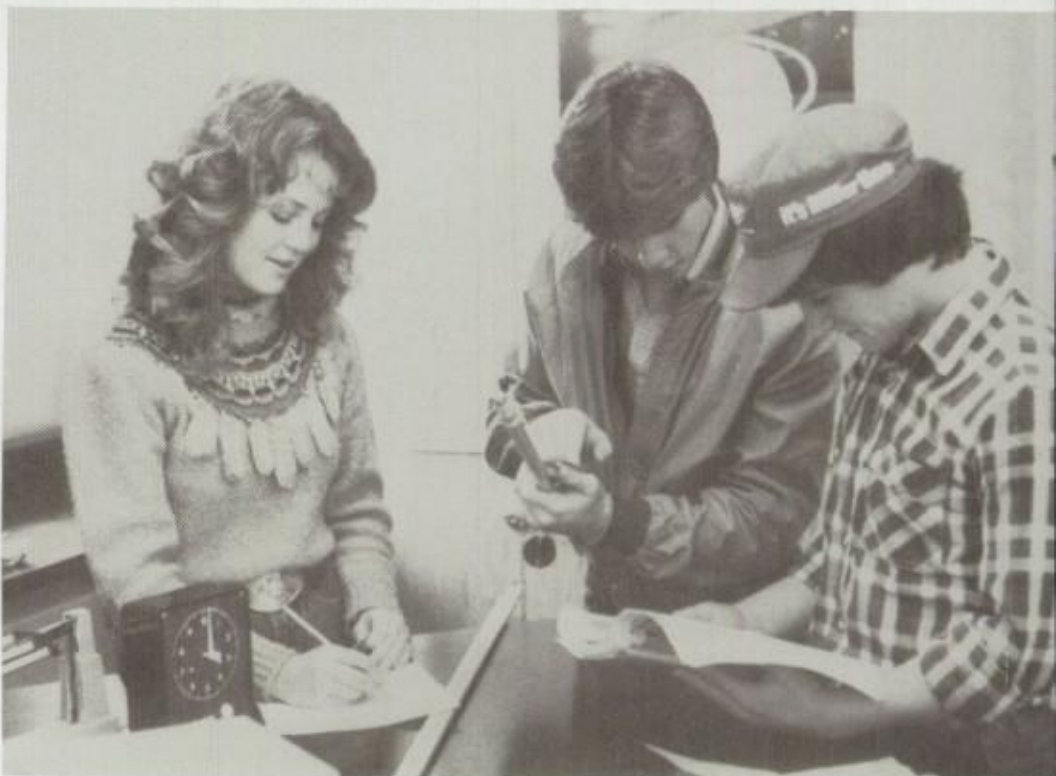
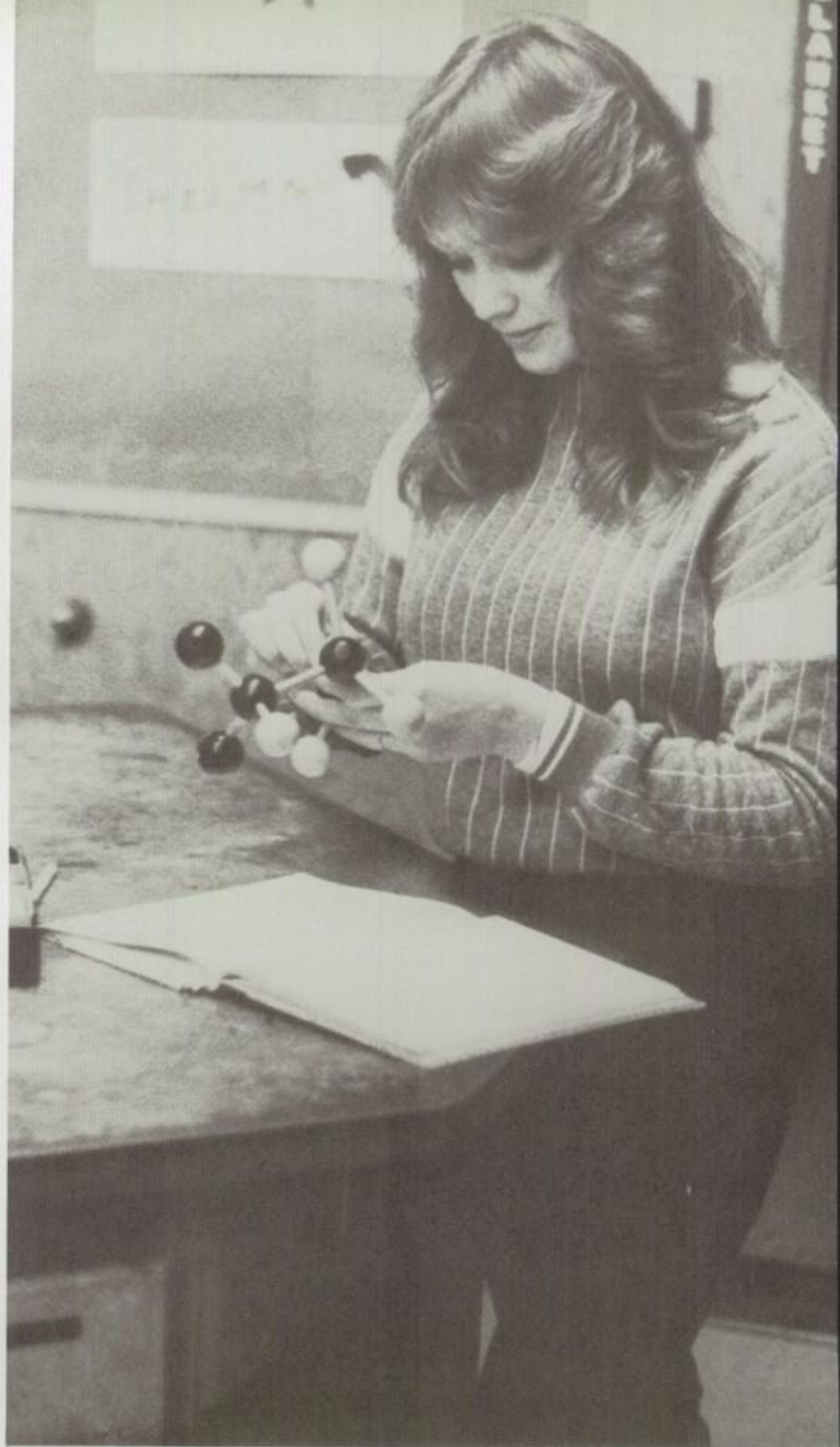
**middle row:** Advisor Manuel Gonsalves (and Tye), Orlando Madrid, Roger Wright, Chris Walter, Dee Dee Wyeth.

**back row:** Joe Costa, Brian Nelson, Rick Trevino, Renato Balenovich.



**Listening Attentively.** Listening carefully to science teacher Arlan Holen are students John Daily and Tina Kennedy.

**In Search of the Truth.** Physics students Maria Olivera, Martin McCarthy, and Marcos Madrid record results of a lab on centrifugal forces.





Struggling to  
achieve perfection

# Future scientists are looking good

by Scott McKenzie

With the increasing number of students interested in the sciences, the Science Department has become stronger than ever in recent years. Courses in physics, chemistry, biology, science 1, and health all showed increased enrollment and interest from MHS students.

This renewed academic interest led the department to place more emphasis on homework and completing classroom assignments. "We are attempting to better prepare the students for their college science courses," stated Mr. Arlan Holen, chemistry and

biology teacher.

Despite scheduling difficulties, the physics class was quite large. The course, which is only offered every other year to juniors and seniors on the academic plan, was moved from its traditional second period slot to third period. This decision forced many students to choose between it and other courses which are only offered third period, including yearbook class.

Science 1 classes were divided into either physical or biological courses, with one of each offered each period of the day. Teachers could specialize

in one of these areas, developing his or her interest in more detail, enabling students to benefit from this concentration. Or, at the semester, students could shift to the other class to get both types of instruction.

The Science Club developed a busy schedule, both in fundraisers and activities, among which were two field trips. During the early spring they took a trip to the coast for a tidepools field trip where the students spent the day at the beach learning about the various marine wildlife. On May 30 club members and other interested students traveled to the Exploratorium in San Francisco for a day of "hands on" learning in one of the most highly-praised public scientific centers on the west coast.

Fighting lack of interest, the Chess Club strove to develop a regular program of activities as a part of Modesto High. The club's ten members spent numerous lunch hours in Room 33 practicing. They competed in three matches during the year, all against Davis and Downey High School Chess Clubs. □



"I cannot understand why some people seem to dislike science so much. Don't they realize that everything involved in our lives has to do with science?"

—Lori Thomas



**I Hope It Works!** Greg Kowalewski, Rene Perry, Leah Harrell, Vince Bentley, and Becky Bartoo attempt to complete a biology experiment on time.



**For the Record.** Holly Beatty records results from a chemistry experiment in her lab book.

**Galileo Lives Again.** Physics students Loren Dieu, Orlando Madrid, Kelly Calkins, Lauri Medeiros, and Ron Hill take

notes on Mr. Odell Scott's presentation of Galileo's theories.

**Checkmate!** Chris Walter, David McKay, and Brian Nelson have a practice match at a Chess Club meeting.



**Take Two.** Rehearsing their scene together for the International Christmas Dinner are Tom Pierce, Holly Beatty and Carolyn Kravanja.

**Spanish Is Fun!** In Mr. José Guerrero's third period Spanish class, Debbi Rios enjoys the challenge of her assignment.

**Once Upon a Time . . .** Mrs. Maridale Smith listens as Phil Shuman recites an old folk tale in German.

**Un, deux, trios . . .** Studying together is a big help for Nona Edwards and Ofelia Trujillo.



Foreign Language Dept.,  
Three Clubs help in

## Bridging the gap between cultures

by Stephanie Frazier

For too long, Americans have regarded the study of foreign languages as an educational elective, but hardly essential. Today, however, students are at last beginning to recognize that the learning of a second or even third language can be as crucial as the three Rs. Indeed, acquiring a new language can aid significantly in the process of gathering intellectual skills.

Also important is the realization that in a world as technologically advanced and politically complex as ours, one needs the complete understanding of at least one foreign language and/or culture. With this skill, we can properly communicate with people of other countries.

MHS offers three different language courses: German, French and Spanish. Those students who plan to major in a foreign language can enroll in

their chosen language for four years. However, advanced classes are sometimes "doubled-up" in the same period due to limited enrollment.

Current college and university requirements stipulate that incoming freshmen have at least two years of the same foreign language. According to the new requirements for the Class of '87, all MHS students on the academic plan will have to take one year of a foreign language.

The language classes planned on traveling to the Army's Defense Language Institute in Monterey in the spring. There they would be able to observe intensive language instruction in progress, enjoy the cultural displays and admire the various ethnic specialties.

Foreign language students also had the opportunity to participate in the annual Christmas potluck. This event included dishes from many different

lands as well as the chance to break the piñata that traditionally ends the potluck.

Language clubs offered students with a common interest to get together. The French Club had a very adventurous year. They went to San Francisco and ate at a French restaurant. They also took a trip in the spring. Their fundraisers included M&M and Spook-O-Gram sales.

The German Club's main fundraiser was the sale of Gummi Bears. They were able to persuade foreign exchange student Chris Luckhaus to share his slides and stories of life in Germany as well as his reactions to life in Modesto. A German dinner with all the trimmings was also held.

The clubs engaged in many activities, in hopes that students would become interested in learning about the various cultures and countries around the world. □



"I am taking a foreign language to learn about a different culture, improve my vocabulary skills, and meet the college entrance requirements."

—Martin McCarthy





**Helping Hand.** Practicing their French lessons, Sandra Contreras, Rosa Contreras and Sylvia Mendez help each other with the tough pronunciations.

**This is Hard Work!** José Virrueta works on conjugating his verbs.



**French Club, front row:** Lucia Siañez, Yolanda Alberto, Gemilyn Bringas, Tracy Uber, Yolanda Vera, Johanna Fajardo, Regina Fajardo, Christine Beatty. **second row:** Leticia Zamora, Shellie Wilson, Charlita Crane, Kim James, Olga Alberto, Erica Toso, Sandra Contreras, Maryann Alejandro, Dawn Beauvais. **third row:** Vickie Johnston, Arvelia Hunter-Beverly, Victoria Moyet, Justin Smith, Paul Wright, Trina Gullatt, Rosalva Flores, Jessie Lemos, Mary Bornmann, Nona Edwards. **fourth row:** Advisor Judy Remmers, Michelle Azevedo, Patrick Ketchum, Kelly Villalobos, Joel Summerfield, Debby Harris, Roger Wani, Cindy Vermeulen, Steve Cousins, Iqbal Gill, Juan Sanchez, John Moreno. **back row:** Dana Sergis, Ofelia Trujillo, Betty Chavez, Karla Hill, Nannette Horney, Dean Beliera, Christian Luckhaus, Jose Virrueta, Mickey Prescott.



**German Club, front row:** Socorro Stroud, Holly Beatty, Debby Harris, Kim James, Becky Bartoo, Alicia Ehle, Christine Beatty. **middle row:** Charles Clem, Ernie Radza, Tom Pierce, Maxi Magaña, Doreen

Kravanja, Leann Gilbert, Katharine Foust, Advisor Frau Schmidt. **back row:** Barry Peterson, Christian Luckhaus, Leticia Zamora, Vickie Johnston, Paul Gibson, Ed Sclarini, Phil Shuman.

**Press This for Record.** Mrs. Judy Remmers shows Erica Toso and Lisa Smith how to tape their language lessons.



**Spanish Club, front row:** Michele Ehrler, Jana Rhine, Catherine Mihelis, Rachel Cole, Melissa Soares, Sandra Contreras. **middle row:** Ludy

Veldhuizen, Sherry Brownlee, Kathy Verissimo, Vickie Johnston, Michelle Azevedo. **back row:** Dana Sergis, Roger Wright, Tony Reis, David Taylor, Martin McCarthy.



**Programming.** Mrs. Aileen Campbell tries to get Carolyn Purcell's attention while she takes a minute to smile for the camera.

**Extra, Extra.** Janie Brasuell and Sandi Street make copies on the ditto machine.



**What's This Supposed to Mean?** Marcy Jarvis and Estella Montalbo work together to double check their work.



**Ready, Go!** Amador Martinez and Sergio Flores along with other Typing 1 students race against time to increase their speed.

**1 + 2 + 3 + ...** Jeanette How-

ser increases her skills by learning how to use the adding machine.

**Intense Concentration.** Olga Alberto works diligently on her Advanced Bookkeeping assignment.





Updated business  
classes provide

# New equipment for modern courses

by Kashmir Gill

**I**f a student took the business classes that are offered at MHS and did well, he or she would be able to get a job in the business world," stated Aileene Campbell, chairman of the Business Department. MHS had an outstanding business program and provided students with a wide variety of classes.

These various classes were taught by six highly-experienced teachers and ranged from consumer awareness to advanced bookkeeping. Mrs. Campbell taught the ROP word processing class, which was offered first

and second period and included students from the other three city high schools as well as students from Modesto High (the offset printing press which was a part of the Business Department was used to print the **Broadcast**.)

Even though Miss Ila Westfall and Mrs. Denise Hewitt have taught at MHS for the past several years, they were new to the Business Department in 1983. Miss Westfall, chairperson of the Math Department, taught business math and Mrs. Hewitt taught introduction to business.

To further diversify the

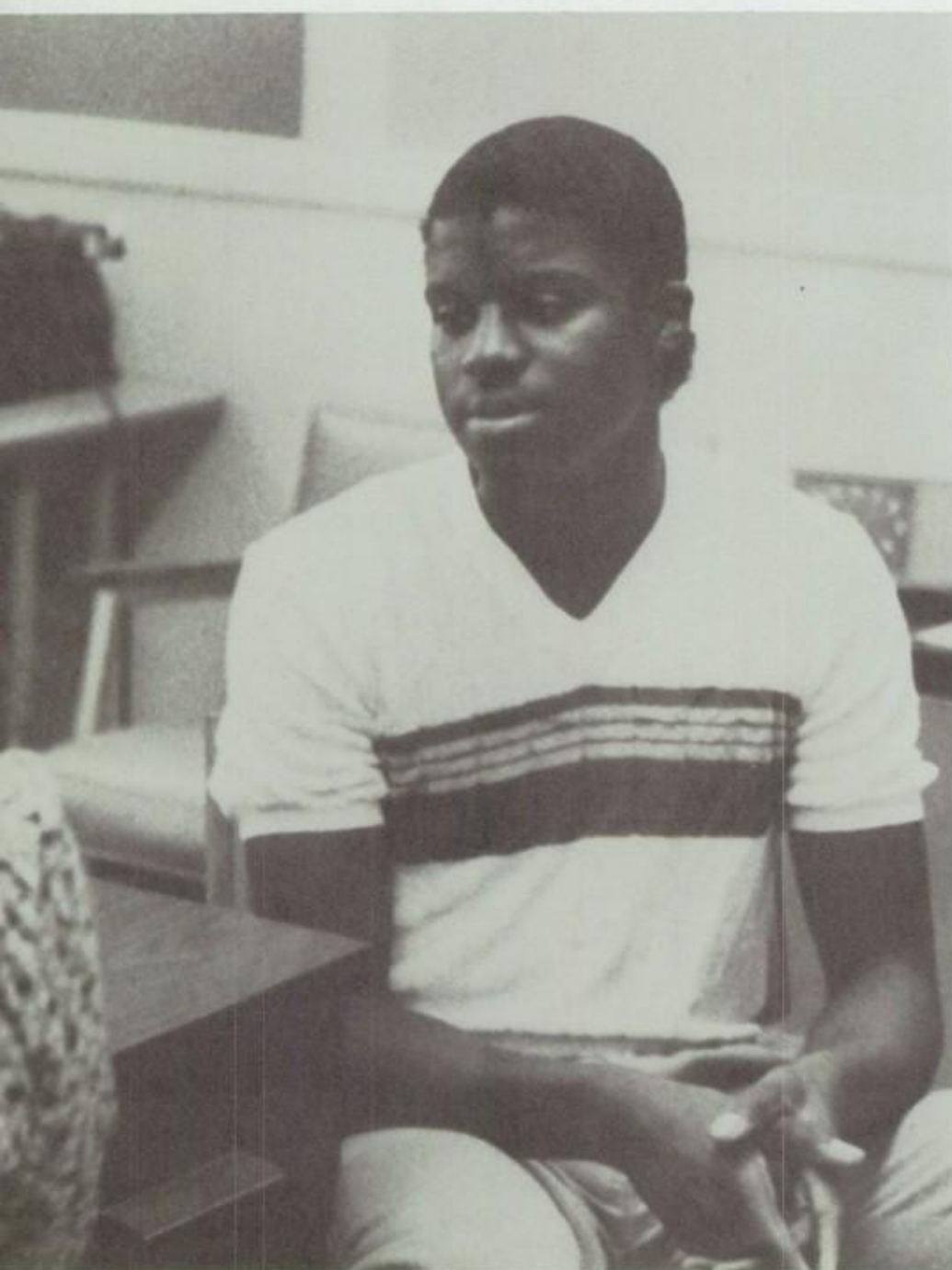
students' education, the school purchased computers and new electronic typewriters. Fourteen Commodore and three Apple IIe computers were bought at the beginning of the school year for the use of students enrolled in model office, word processing, and advanced bookkeeping. Although the computers weren't hooked up until the second semester, the main purpose of the computers was to familiarize the students with their use. In addition to the computers, the school also purchased new IBM electronic typewriters. These replaced the electric typewriters which in return replaced the manual typewriters used by the beginning typing classes.

The staff of the Business Department was proud of its experience and strove to retain up-to-date equipment and implement the latest methods which would prepare the future business leaders of America for the outside world. Despite budgetary restraints, the Business Department was able to upgrade its equipment and the level of instruction it offered to Panthers eager to improve their skills. □



**"Although I'm only involved with accounting courses, I feel the whole department is the best that is available. The courses are complete, up-to-date, and taught by the best people in their fields."**

**—Ricky Kessle**



**Practice Makes Perfect.** Mrs. Aileene Campbell interviews Anthony Matthews in Model Office class to prepare him for

the job world.

**Keyboard Fever.** Annette Jones speeds up her work by using the word processor unit.



# State and county fairs display projects

by Stephanie Wood

**I** really enjoy ag, and I think it will benefit me in years to come," commented freshman John Honeycutt with enthusiasm.

Although other special interest clubs seemed to be fading away, the Agriculture Department's Future Farmers of America was still going strong. The freshman class, the second largest in the past nine years, enabled Mr. Loren Nyman and Mr. Russell Cosgrave to begin offering more agriculture classes in an effort to re-build their program to a full-time series of courses.

The FFA met the third Thursday evening of every month to plan and discuss the next month's events. They held their annual pancake breakfast on February 26 and served more than 525 people, an increase over last year. The following week was FFA Week on the campus with displays in the main hall and special notices in the bulletin. The courtyard was definitely affected when the aggies competed in a haybucking contest!

FFA started preparing for fairs in the second half of the school year. Many of the FFA members

participated in livestock shows. This meant spending many hours making sure that their animals would do well in showmanship. Other members built equipment to be shown at the fairs. The equipment was judged on the workmanship displayed in the product. Some of the fairs in which members participated were the California State Fair and the Stanislaus County Fair. The FFA members also prepared themselves to show at the Cow Palace.

An ag student for three years and now FFA president, Jeff Shafer pondered the importance of the Agriculture Department to the school. "The primary aim of the FFA is the development of agriculture, leadership, citizenship, and cooperation. The

specific purposes for which the organization was formed are agri-leadership and management, the love of agriculture and self-management of SOEPs (supervised occupational experience programs)."

Although membership in FFA is not required in order to enroll in an ag class, almost everyone who takes ag classes wants to join. With the help of ag organizations like FFA students are able to learn while they become involved in an active club. The future farmers of Modesto realize that someday they will be called upon to serve the world's food need, using the skills they learned at school. □

**Determination.** Freshman Scott Henshaw competes for first place.



**"Agriculture is America's bread and butter. I'm glad to be a part of a school that values vocations, as well as academics."**

—Jeff Shafer



**Last But Not Least.** Finishing up in the haybucking contest, Kenny Leer struggles with the last bale.

**Who's Next?** Excited senior Kenny Leer asks his buddies Mike Goncalves and Chuck Meyer who will compete with him in the contest.



**Ready, Set, Go!** Shane Hodge grabs the bale in preparation for the race.







**All in a Day's Work.** Showing his fellow aggies how to get the job done, Trent Bellew sweeps first place.

**Fresh-Soph FFA, front row:** John Negel, Matt Baptiste, Donna Coonce, Karen Whitaker, Catherine Mihelis, Jennifer Azevedo, Michele Ehrler, Gina Brooks, Mark Oreglia. **second row:** Tom Satterwhite, DeeDee Wyeth, Mike Genasci,

Kathy Verissimo, Ludy Veldhuizen, Jim Sprinkle, Danny Meyer, Chad Basore, Mike Davies. **back row:** Bob Wynashe, Joey Omlin, Eddie Kidd, Tony Omlin, Bobby Halloway, Brent Rosenow, Don Borrelli, Bill Sciarini.



**Junior-Senior FFA, front row:** Anne Verissimo, Tina Deatherage, Shannon Pearson, Manuel Azevedo, Charles Light, Jim Boer, Robert Calton. **second row:** Stacy Lanphear, Mike Goncalves, Ivan Wyeth, Jeff Shafer, Garland Teaney, Pete Mihelis. **back row:** Roy Mims, Leon Verburg, Donnie Helny, Victor Curci, John Sprinkle, Chuck Meyer, Donny Coonce.



**Getting It Together.** Ag teacher Loren Nyman explains the assignment for the last time.

**Ten Minutes Left!** Scurrying to finish the test, Pete Mihelis checks over his last answers before the bell.





**Concentration.** Working diligently, Sheldon Kinsfater and Lloyd Shaw set type out of the casebox.



**Under Pressure.** During a drafting class, Lance Heinrich finishes up plans while Darren Gilbert offers assistance before the assignment is due.

**Cutting It Up.** John Bates feeds paper through the machine as Mike Brown makes sure it comes out even.



**Teamwork.** In wood occupations class Joe Costa and Armando Espinoza work together to glue a chair.



Industrial ed provides many

## Opportunities for vocational careers

by Bulch Ellnburg



"Oh, yeah, I like wood shop. I think it is one of the more important classes in the industrial ed department. You can learn a lot and maybe make it a career later."

—Joe Costa

Industrial education classes provide students with numerous opportunities. They offer the chance to experience a wide assortment of hobbies and jobs available in vocational-related occupations. Because of this valuable instruction, many students chose to include such classes as graphic arts, auto shop, metal, wood, electronics and drafting in their very busy schedules. These classes gave the students the necessary skills they may need in future jobs.

Continuing a long tradition, wood shop was again the most popular of the "shop" classes. Here students could be seen sanding, sawing and gluing a wide variety of projects from

small breadboards to hope chests and gun cabinets.

In the metal and auto mechanics courses, students were frequently found working on accessories for their cars or the cars themselves. They also worked on different types of machines.

In the graphic arts classes, students learned how to properly use the printing presses and the graphic arts camera. The beginning classes learned how to make everything from Christmas and birthday cards to silk-screened T-shirts.

Drafting students were able to develop their skills of design and precision as well as three-dimensional concepts while working on projects ranging from drawings of simple objects

to complete architectural drafting.

Under the direction of Mr. Willard Ripley, the local chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) enabled students to receive all kinds of vocational training and share their ideas with other VICA groups.

Although VICA got off to a slow start, with little organization during the first semester, Mr. Ripley commented, "This year's club was a strong one. The club's first craft fair didn't turn up any big winners, but all participants learned quite a bit." An ever popular project of the club was the third annual MHS car show, which drew many entries from the student body. □





**Grinding It Out.** As Jason Seane waits for his turn, Raymond Barber rushes to finish grinding a piece of metal.

**It's In!** While Randy Williams supervises, Issa Salem, Tony Zalaco, Sheldon Kinsfater and Jeff Charron put the engine in.



**Hard at Work.** William Bryant prepares to cut out another section of the design to make a silk screen in graphic arts.

**Learning Parts.** Instructor Willard Ripley assists Jonny Buantello in adjusting the carburetor.



**Make It Perfect.** As Mike Rosa looks on, Don Borrelli adjusts the milling machine to his satisfaction.

**Under the Hood.** Working hard, Jerry Chandler fixes the engine in his dad's car.

**Shaping Up.** In wood class Albert Gomez skillfully shapes his project.



**Snip, Snip.** As Mrs. Holtz assists a student in the background, Jennie Rocque works on her project.

**Knit One, Purl Two.** Home furnishing students Danita Swinburg and Janelle Park concentrate on their stitchery projects.

**Busy Bees.** Working on their home furnishing projects, Sharon Roberts, Wanda Johnson, Sherrie Rose and Anna Miller enjoy the chance to relax from studying.

**Looks Good!** Stirring up a culinary delight, Madeline Bettencourt, Cheri Reim, Melissa Soares and Fernanda Dias look forward to sampling their own cooking.



**'S' Club, front row:** Maria Mayer, Gemilyn Bringas, Darlene Gong, Kathy Ferrell, Lisa Haney, Wanda Johnson, Johanna Fajardo. **back row:** Advisor Diana Holtz, Tammy Schell, Pam Sufi, Elena Carrillo, Terry Christensen, Christine Paul, Rachel Cole, Jenny Rocque.



**Can You Repeat That?** Not sure of what the question was, Samantha Senseney asks for a repeat.

**Season to Be Jolly.** Putting the finishing touches on the Christmas tree in the main hall, 'S' Club members Pam Sufi and Gemilyn Bringas hang a few hand-made ornaments.



Home ec,  
'S' Club provide

# Practical skill and service experience

by Dianne McHale

Continuing to strive toward their basic goals of being of service to others, carrying out friendships, and developing leadership qualities, the "S" Club (Service Club) was again a very active group on the campus and in the community.

Throughout the year, the "S" Club honored the faculty on holidays. At Thanksgiving teachers received cookies, and before Christmas they were given gifts of candy canes tied with a red bow. The "S" Club also paid tribute to the teachers by having two teacher-

recognition days. As one teacher put it, "It really made us feel good. Most of us felt that the students really appreciated our efforts."

Upholding an old school tradition, the "S" Club once again decorated the Christmas tree. "It spread holiday spirit throughout the school and got everyone in the mood for Christmas," stated senior Scott McKenzie.

The Home Economics Department, comprised of sewing, cooking, home furnishing, consumer awareness, and human development classes, continued to provide popular elective classes for boys as well

as girls. The department's courses taught students practical skills and knowledge which could be put to use long after high school. Many students selected home ec as a vocational subject, focusing their attention on the specific courses which interested them.

Beginning food and clothing classes were high on the list of courses advocated by counselors as offering something for everyone. One of the most popular classes in recent years has been survival foods, with an enrollment of about an equal number of girls and boys. The class meets the practical arts requirement for graduation, while teaching students how to prepare meals, read a recipe, and function in a kitchen. They learned to bake everything from French bread to pizza. As other students walked by Room 5, the various aromas wafting in the air tempted many to consider future enrollment. □



**"I really enjoy sewing very much. When I first started I didn't know anything about it. Now, thanks to Mrs. Remmers, I can sew almost anything."**

**—Lucy Dias**



**Help Me!** Traci Moore watches closely as Pam Coburn demonstrates how to replace the bobbin.

**What Do You Think?** Sharing her opinion, Jennifer Gilbreth discusses the day's topic in human development class with Laura Ball.



**Making It!** In their sewing class, Phalla Samon and Val Murillo busily work to complete their projects.



Art department,  
Art Club help

# Students express varied artistic talents

by Phil Shuman

Art 1 is taken by many students wishing to complete their fine arts requirement for graduation. Although many find it merely a pleasant break in the daily routine of class work, there are other, more talented individuals who are interested in art related careers; they use the art program's advanced classes to gain valuable experience for college and their future careers.

Included in the art program are the traditional drawing and painting courses as well as the more advanced ceramics, ceramic sculpture and leathercraft courses. Commercial art, a specialized subject with limited enrollment, was moved from room 57 to room 51 to combine it with Art 1, taught at the same

time by the same teacher.

"It's a very difficult situation, teaching art 1 and commercial art in the same classroom," said Mr. Leroy Giovannoni. "Art 1 is a primary class and commercial art is the most advanced class of all. But due to decreasing enrollment in the advanced classes, we were forced to combine commercial art with another class; dropping it would have been unfair to the art majors. At one time we had three full commercial art classes; now there isn't enough to make one class."

In addition to the courses taught by department chairman Giovannoni, art courses were also taught by Mrs. Phyllis Boteler and Ms. Vivian Hawkins.

Students who expressed in-

terest and enthusiasm in art were referred to the Art Club by Mrs. Boteler, Mr. Giovannoni, or photojournalism instructor James Shuman. Meetings were held in Mrs. Boteler's classroom during third period, where members discussed club affairs and business obligations. President Donna DeSimone conducted the meetings with the support of vice president James Peck and secretary-treasurer Stephanie Heersink.

Members of the club prepared the popcorn for football and basketball home game concessions, and participated in extracurricular activities, including a museum field trip and student art show in the spring. □



"This year the students have been more interested and involved in the Art Club. There has been more participation in exhibits and contests than in years before. Quite a few members have won awards and recognition."

—Donna DeSimone

"Pop!" Patience, skill, and good taste help Phil Shuman prepare popcorn for the football and basketball games.



**Art Club, front row:** Maria Fernandez, Traci Hunstable, Stacy Fernandez, Michelle Letcher, Alex Noriega, Mom Vath, Sylvia Camacho, Frank Garcia, president Donna DeSimone, John Howard, Danny Hunstable. **second row:** Danita Swinburg, Samuth Sok, Denise Bravo, Terry Robles, Jerry Rocha, Richard Brunetti, Sandra Contreras. **third row:** Beverly McCombs, Tracy New, Malay Sok, Kelly Calkins, Gilbert Sianez, Victor Curci,

Ryan Dunscomb, Lucas Alberto, Wayne Elam. **fourth row:** Stephani Lopez, Fabian Leyva, Jose Garcia, vice president Jim Peck, Joey Rodrigues, secretary-treasurer Stephanie Heersink, Jake Weston, Phil Shuman, Jerry Baldwin, Juan Trejo. **back row:** Ramses Castañeda, Kathi Dixon, Gary Conchola, Ron Dixon, Maria Salsi, Vic Aguirre, Robert Berry, Ed Sciarini, Paul Gibson, David Lopez, Louie Figueroa.





**'Double Drawing.'** Richard Cortez and David Lopez sketch their basic designs for safety promotion posters in Mr. Giovannoni's commercial art class.



**Panther Pride.** As a school service project, Richard Brunetti repaints the Centennial Logo design to read "panthers" instead of "1883-1983." Richard was winner of the design

contest as a sophomore; as a senior he is helping to create a permanent display board incorporating his basic design ideas.



**Perspective Lesson.** Wayne Unruh gives Sidney Scruggs his candid opinion of this new kind of art.

**So This is Ceramics.** Exercis-

ing great finger dexterity, Becky Peeper molds her miniature slab-construction project to the desired shape, carefully connecting the pieces together.



**Oil Painting.** Striving for accuracy of scale and color, Stephanie Lopez carefully checks the size of the cabin in her sketch with its result in her painting.

**Concentration.** Albert Gomez fills in the outline of his snowflake in the winter/nature assignment of Mrs. Boteler's art class.

**Calligraphy.** Fabian Leyva touches up his calligraphy project for drawing and painting class.



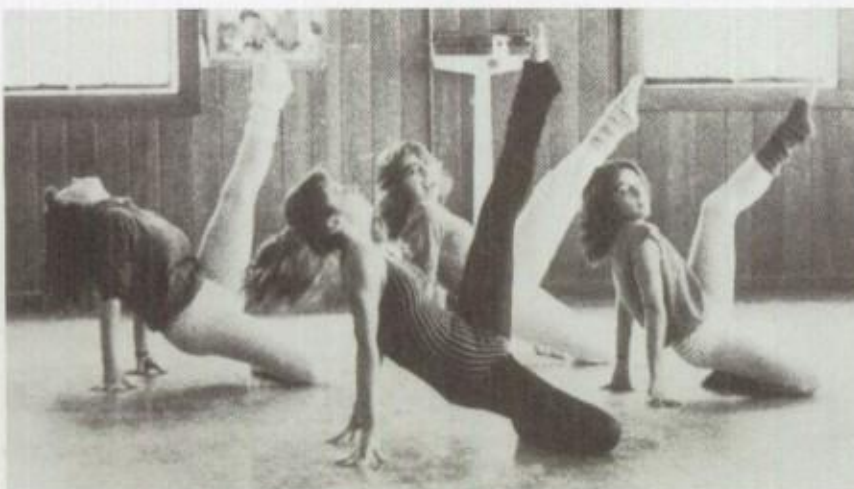
**Aren't We Cute?** Actresses Sandra Contreras and Abigail Williams pose as the clown and the wolf from "Pinnocchio".

**Dance Production Class,**  
**front row:** Alicia Ehle, Shanie Bentley, Holly Beatty, Kim Grimes, Refugio Rivera, Maria Rivera, Nadine Nunes, Monica Contreras. **middle row:** Tracy Weiford, Rhonda Albright,

Susie Beckwith, Donna DeSimone, Wendy Beauvais. **back row:** Jennifer Jackson, Robin Grimes, Jacinta Lee, Camilla Tillmon, Stephanie Cone and Sabrina Farris.



**5,6,7,8 . . .** Senior Monica Contreras counts while practicing her turns.



**Up 'n At 'Em.** Wendy Beauvais, Sabrina Farris, Tracy Weiford and Nadine Nunes do their love theme dance.

**Thou Shalt Not . . .** Speaker Chris Medeiros tells it like it is.



**Fly Robin, Fly.** Dance member Robin Grimes leaps across the dance floor.





# Expand experience to display talents

by Rhonda Albright

Talent was the main key to success in the area of performing arts. Students who showed enthusiasm for acting or gracefulness in dance enrolled in these classes.

The dance production class had a marked increase in interest, as students worked to coordinate and portray emotions, rhythm, and expression. "Whether you want to take dance seriously as a future profession or you just want to have fun, this class is for anyone, male or female," said dance student Monica Contreras.

Mrs. Chris Broome has been the dance instructor at MHS for the past seven years and owns her own dance studio. Dance students felt very honored to be able to participate in her class. Mrs. Broome expressed her feel-

ings about the dance production class. "I hope the Performing Arts Department expands. Later in the future I hope there will be a class of choreographing and a class of technique to teach the students more thoroughly. This year's dance production class has been great! The students have been in dance for at least two years and are still going strong. They have extended themselves to be more complex, and have added more elements to make them look nicer and dance better." She added, "This is the first year students haven't been timid, and I love the class because of that. The dance production class also had a large group of seniors; everyone was good and creative enough to choreograph two or three dances for their annual assembly."

Drama has been a part of MHS for more than 65 years.

Twenty students participated in the second-semester class taught by Mr. Paul Tischer. Some of these students worked inside and outside the theater. For example, Sandra Contreras, a very outgoing actress, was involved in five plays and has played the leading parts in some. Abigail Williams, Anthony Presto and David Scarborough were three outstanding actors who may also go far in that line of work. According to Mr. Tischer, "This class is designed to help students communicate in front of people." The students who participated in acting class were taught how to present themselves to others, speak clearly, and overcome stage-fright. The class also consisted of typical pantomimes, acting scenes, theater games, and improvisations.

Both dance and drama are favored by many talented students, enabling them to improve on their natural abilities. □

**'Drama Class held an interest for me because I have always wanted to see how a full scale production was run.'**

**—David Scarborough**



**Step, Kick, Step, Kick.** Enthusiastic Holly Beatty shows Wendy Beauvais, Robin Grimes and Jennifer Jackson how it's done.

**Exit, Stage Left.** Drama students Sandra Contreras, Abigail Williams, Jason Houser and Sandra Scholten perform in "Pinocchio".

**We've Got the Beat.** Susie Beckwith, Donna DeSimone and Tracy Wieford dance skillfully.

**Scene 1, Act 2.** Concentrating on memorizing their lines are Yolanda Madrid, Tony Olea, Maxi Magaña, Yolanda Marcoff and Charlotte Stalcup.





Enthusiasm,  
hard work as

## Band and Guard have best season ever

by Chris Beatty

Getting into action, the Marching Band continued to live up to its reputation of expertise. Through long hours of intense practices and dedicated time spent memorizing music, learning drill, and perfecting basic marching skills, the band was one of the best in thirteen years. Mr. Gary Runsten spoke enthusiastically, "It's great to see them working as hard as ever, and they can be proud of the fact that they have one of the best bands in northern California."

In the fall season, the band participated in competitions from Modesto to San Jose. The band won seven first place awards and seven seconds. The Modesto competition proved that MHS was the best band in Modesto. At the annual Music Bowl Festival in Union City, the band snagged second place in the class AA division. Modesto was one of only four bands who has continuously made the finals every year at the state championship competition.

Contributing to the success of the marching band was the enthusiastic participation of the members and supporters. "Band is a very exciting class," commented Shanin White, a senior clarinetist. "You learn a lot of different and neat things." Participating in the marching band were roughly 120 members; 90 in the band and 30 in the color

guard, who for the first time met in a separate seventh period class.

The band had to raise \$30,000 to pay for their competitions. In their efforts to do this, they entered a logo contest for Rock 102, sold Whist Card Party tickets and tickets to a pancake breakfast. They were aided in their fundraising by dedicated band boosters who also provided meals and moral support at every competition to which the band traveled.

At the end of the fall season, the Marching Band ended and the Concert Band was formed. MHS combined with the Beyer concert band to present a public performance. With the winter season also came the start of Winterguard competitions. The twelve-member guard, consisting of flags only, continued to match the high performance of the band by placing first and second in their competitions. At the Union City competition, Modesto swept away with first place, beating guards from Clovis West and Logan High Schools by five points. This was

a real improvement over the last two winterguard seasons.

The marching band season again resumed in the spring. Included in the competitions was a half-time performance at the Stanislaus County Bacon Bowl. Also in the spring the band took their major five-day trip to San Diego to successfully compete with the top California bands. □



"I believe MHS is the best school in the city. To be the best band in the city and one of the best in the state is an even better feeling."

—Leslie Anglim



**Hold 'em High.** During a half-time performance Shelly Schoonover and Rene Perry execute their routine with precise movements.

**Color Guard Captain and Drum Majors.** Leslie Anglim, Sabrina Farris and Sean Wani.





**Marching Band, Flutes:** Linda Walker, Maria Mayer, Darlene Gong, Lydia Alberto, Barbara McKnight, Tammy Williams, Laura Wheeler, Lisa Smith, Ann Calderon, Melina Nunez, Joann Rivera, Melissa Cruz, Lisa McIntyre. **Clarinets:** Laurie Medeiros, Nikki Smith, Sandy Cox, Ruth Vera, Lisa Martinez, Shanin White, Lynnette McClure, Genoveva Brambila, Michele White, Christine Beatty, Kim James, Michelle Azevedo, Veva Chapa, Ginger Cagle, Sonia Stone, Michelle Lewis, Heather Parker, Socorro Castro, Gina Georgeson, Jennifer Jackson, Gwen Dooley, Iqbal Gill, Camilla Tillmon. **Saxophones:** Chris Dallenbach, Shawyne Clark, Joel Summerfield, Elena Carrillo, Robert Carrillo, Karen Matthews, Phil Dusenberry, Chris Medeiros. **Mellophones:** Ron Lopes, Darren

Jenkins, Brian Nicholson. **Trumpets:** Dixie Weststeyn, Manuel Chapa, Robert Goodloe, Bill Wasson, Annette Dickerson, Steve Cousins, Matt Stiles, Roy Georgeson, Charles Wagner, Shane Stamm, Debbie Vermeulen, Mark Conway, Rodney Laird, Rick Langerman. **Trombones:** Todd Hunnicutt, Rolando Aguilar, Eric Grimes, José Sarmiento, Eddie Radza, James Villavincencio. **Baritones:** Tony Forbes, Junior Shaird. **Tubas:** Ed Sciarini, Jason Medeiros, John Jenkins. **Percussion:** Loren Dieu, Trace O'Laughlin, Ray Cox, Roger Wani, Kelly Macy, Paul Gerhardt, Lee Jarvis, Manny Aflague, Leonard Donaldson, John Bringas, Matt Cover, Cindy Vermeulen, Lonnie Adkins, Greg Kowalewski, Phillip Mercer. **Drum Majors:** Sabrina Faris, Sean Wani.



**Giving Their All.** With excitement to spare the Marching Panthers set the crowd roaring at the end of "Mambo".

Charlita Crane, Crystal Crowley, Debby Harris, Michelle Howe, Andrea Love, Rene Perry, Diane Polk, Kim White, Shellie Wilson, Lyn Gorne, Samantha Lee, Janice England, Nancy Gibson, Mary Harvey, Kim Kelly, Gina Nelson, Rhonda Prater, Patty Rose, Shelly Schoonover, Kathy Stinnett, Climmie Thomas. **Guard Captain:** Leslie Anglim.

**Color Guard, Rifles:** Cheri Cope, Terri Adams, Marnie Bradford, Chrissie Boucher, Katy McGrath, Melissa Jones. **Flags:** Mary Chavez,



**Winterguard, front row:** Shelly Schoonover, Terri Adams, Cheri Cope, Katy McGrath, Melissa Jones, Nancy Gibson. **back row:** Charlita Crane, Michelle Howe.

**Doing It With Rhythm.** Concentrating on the show, Panther percussionists Ray Cox, Roger Wani, Trace O'Laughlin, Loren Dieu, and Laura Wheeler keep a steady beat.



**Pep for the Rally.** Sabrina Farris and Chris Dallenbach play during a rally.

**Pep Band, front:** Loren Dieu, **front row:** Darren Jenkins, Ron Lopes, Dixie Weststeyn, Sean Wani, Shawyne Clark, Chris Dallenbach,

Sabrina Farris. **back row:** Steve Cousins, Bill Wasson, Eric Grimes, Ed Sciarini, Todd Hunnicutt, Matt Stiles, Robert Goodloe.



**Hail to MHS!** Robert Goodloe and Dixie Weststeyn join in the salute as they perform the school hymn in the basketball rally.

**Setting the Pace in Strings.** Second chair violinist Keith Parker leads the way in orchestra rehearsal as he masters a difficult piece of music.



**Jazz Band, front row:** Chris Dallenbach, Sabrina Farris, Dixie Weststeyn, Loren Dieu, Joel Summerfield, Eliana Carrillo, Tony

Forbes. **back row:** Todd Hunnicutt, Bill Wasson, Eric Grimes, Sean Wani, Annette Dickerson, Manuel Chapa.

**Where's the Beat?** Shawyne Clark, Chris Dallenbach, Joel Summerfield, Sabrina Farris, and Nikki Smith add a touch of enthusiasm to a rally.





# Performing for school and community

by Elko Akagi

The instrumental music program was very active, with three major organizations: the Pep Band, Jazz Band and Orchestra in addition to the Marching Band. Through these different groups, students were given the opportunity to play their favorite types of music.

The Pep Band, a very well-organized group of 20 members led by student director Dixie Weststeyn, performed over thirty times throughout the year. According to Mr. Gary Runsten, the Pep Band was one of the best MHS has ever had. Loren Dieu, one of the members, stated, "We give up private time to be able to perform, but it's a lot of fun." They performed at rallies and games during football and basketball seasons. They played old and new hit songs as well as MHS fight songs in order to add more spirit and enthusiasm to the sports activities.

Mr. Runsten, head of Music Department, directed the Jazz

Band, which was formed twelve years ago. There were approximately 17 members in Jazz Band. Members of both jazz and pep bands were volunteers from the Marching band. The Jazz Band was active in the second semester, preparing for the All-City Jazz Festival. The group met before and after school, along with several evening rehearsals, to prepare for their performances. Jazz band member Sabrina Farris stated, "The jazz band gives me a chance to experiment with the oldy but goody jazz tunes that my parents loved so much. The music actually takes me back to that time."

**Fiddle Fiddle.** Outstanding violin player Lisa Flores finds the music more difficult than usual as she performs with other high school students at the County Music Festival held at Davis High School in February.

**Johnny Blow Your Horn!** Low brass players José Sarmiento and Eric Grimes blast out the notes of the fight song during one of the popular fall rallies held in the girls gym.

The Orchestra, which is the oldest instrumental music group at MHS, dating back for more than seventy years, was directed by Mr. Rick Paderas. The string instrument players practiced every day during first period and the wind instrument players practiced periodically during lunch. The 45-member Orchestra performed at the Christmas Assembly and also participated in a competition in May.

Although varying greatly in size and differing radically in purpose, these three musical performing groups continued to carry out the MHS tradition by consistently performing with style and excellence. □



"I have been very proud to be in the MHS Orchestra. I've seen a lot of dedication toward our group from everyone."

—Lisa Flores



**Oompah, Oompah-pah!** Ed Sciarini joins students from other high schools in displaying his tuba playing talents in an Honor Band performance at the County Music Festival.



**Gift of Music.** In the Christmas Assembly, orchestra and band members Dixie Weststeyn, Sean

Wani, Loren Dieu and Troy Campbell help the choir group with some high-class back-up music.

**Orchestra, front row:** Bridgette Simmons, Jared Lehman, Angie Gonzalves, Donna DeSimone, Sarah Gonzalves, Lisa Flores, Hong Thai, Cindy Echols, Keith Parker, Shelly Wyeth. **second row:** Nikki Smith, Lynette McClure, Linda Walker, Zulema Zuniga, Amanda Adams, Sherrie Robinson, Tina Doty, Alicia Bert, Eloise Zarco, Rosa Garza, Carol Jack, Donna Henry, Ryan Edwards. **third row:** Shawyne Clark, Sean Wani, Darren Jenkins, Bill Wasson, Jason Medeiros, Eric Grimes, Steve Cousins, Junior Shalrd, Manuel Chapa, Richard Van Buskirk, Ray Cox, Donny Worsham.



**Turning on the Charm.** During the annual County Music Festival, choir members Pam Lovett, Lisabeth Shuman and Dede Starkey join students from other schools in singing from their repertoire.

**Up the Scales.** Warming up their voices, choir members Lena Collins, Jim Gipson and Jelita Chabino practice their scales.

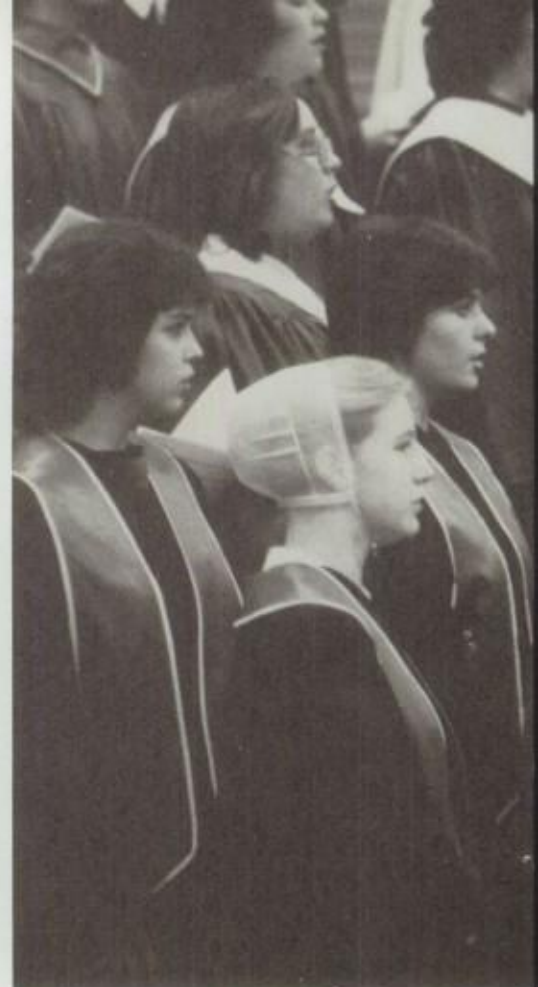
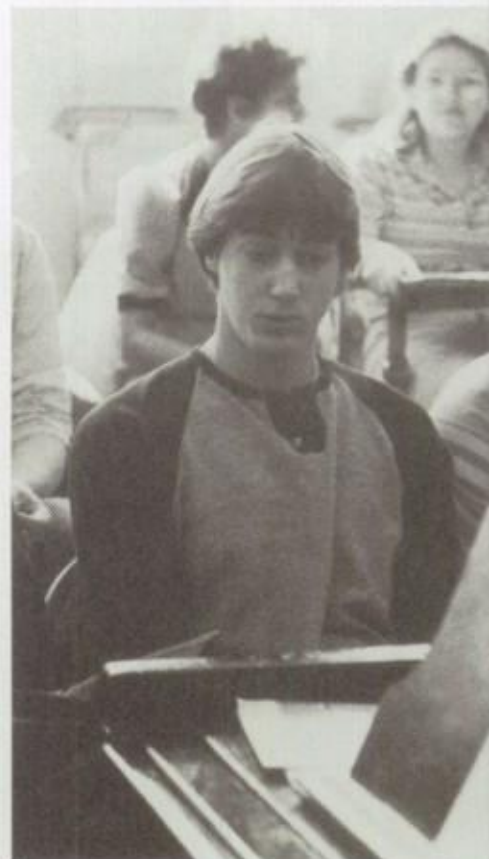
**Ensembles, front row:** Holly Beatty, Lisabeth Shuman, Nicole Baker, Melinda Garber, Kathryn Leatherman, Pam Ketchum. **back row:** Tony Carter, Patrick Genio, Jim Gipson, Jason Helmer, John Jenkins, Mitch Handa.



**Choir, front row:** Jody Coley, Barbara Allen, Dede Starkey, Holly Beatty, Mark Conway, Kim Haley, Irdee Evans, Alicia Ehle. **second row:** Lisabeth Shuman, Pam Lovett, Mary Peterson, Patrick Genio, Chris Medeiros, Marie Smith, Christine Dunham. **third row:** Shannon Lee, Rose Jones, Anna Boone, Terry

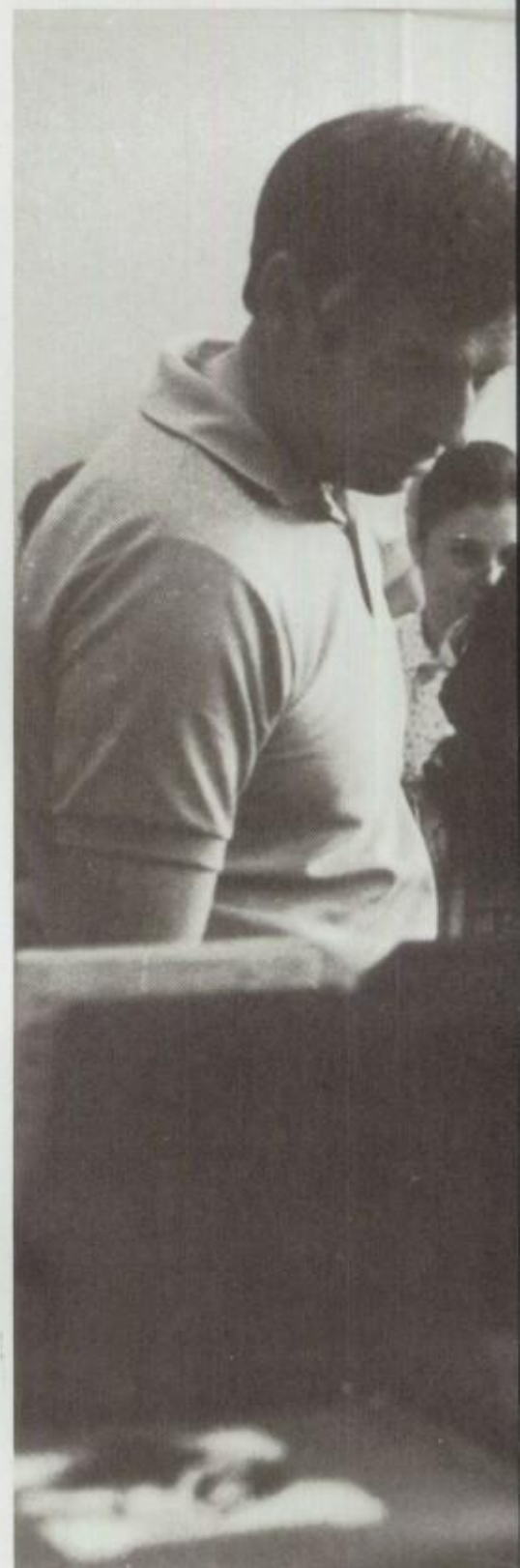
Christenson, Jason Helmer, Mike Farley, John Jenkins, Mark Fletcher, Melinda Garber, Arvelia Hunter-Beverly, Pam Ketchum. **back row:** Jolene Howser, Setsuko Homma, Nicole Baker, Jack LaFountain, Jim Gipson, Mark Pittman, Kathryn Leatherman, Alma Gonzales, Carolina Ramirez, Carla Jarvis.

**Practice Makes Perfect.** Sophomore Gloria Ordaz practices a classical music selection during her piano class.



**It's Your Turn.** Sopranos Pam Lovett, Nicole Baker, Dede Starkey, Jolene Howser and Mary Peterson learn their parts during a class rehearsal.

**Play It Again, Sam!** Working hard to get the notes right, Martin Rico tries out a new piece of music.





# There's always a song in the air

by Stephanie Frazier

"I like music because music brings people happiness," said Martin Rice. Under the skillful direction of dedicated teacher Dennis Clark, vocal music and piano classes at MHS have flourished. The choir increased in enrollment and some very dedicated students became involved in the ensembles group. The choir performed at several different functions during the course of the year. The most important performance was the annual County Music Festival held at Davis High School in February. There the members were able to perform

with other high school students before a large audience.

Other functions in which the choir was involved included the annual Christmas assembly at Modesto High, the Beyer High Festival at which the students were able to have their abilities judged, the Spring Concert in May and two special performances at Central Catholic and St. Stanislaus Schools to encourage the choir students there. The students in ensembles were not only involved in the above activities, but also performed for community groups and different organizations around town.

"I enjoy this class because it

gives me a chance to relax for a period," said senior Tony Carter. "During this time I can take my mind off school work and just concentrate on the music. Besides, I like to sing and it's an easy A."

For those who wanted to learn how to play the piano, MHS offered four classes. The students who were enrolled in these classes learned how to play some of their favorite tunes as well as some classics. Though they did not perform anywhere, they could be heard throughout the day, playing their music in the vicinity of Room 2. Piano student Carole Guyton remarked, "I enrolled in this class because I'm interested in piano, but I have no future plans in music." □



"Our group seems to be growing and improving every year. This year has been typical and I'm proud to have been a part of it."

—Holly Beatty

**Do, Re, Mi.** At the piano, Mr. Dennis Clark gives the pitch to students Jolene Howser, Setsuko Homma, Dede Starkey, Mary Peterson, Lisabeth Shuman, Barbara Allen, Carolina Florez and Holly Beatty.



**Sing Along.** Instructor Dennis Clark aides students Lisabeth Shuman, Patrick Genio, Michelle Harris, Setsuko Homma, Nicole Baker, Holly Beatty, Mary Peterson, Barbara Allen and Tony Carter by playing the piano during a choir rehearsal.



**Waiting for the Next Turn.** Listening to the bass solo, Mary Peterson anticipates her turn to sing.





**D&D, ISA,  
Key Club  
formed as new**

# Organizations add variety

by Jorge Dñis



**'I am glad that Dungeons and Dragons is finally here at MHS. Once you get into playing it, you can do almost anything you want, because it is a very challenging game.'**

**—Jason Medeiros**

In its first year at MHS, Dungeons and Dragons was a success. Advised by Mr. Rodney Owen, the D&D Club provided an excellent opportunity for people to meet others interested in the same game. D&D is a fantasy game in which a person plans a character who has certain powers such as magic, sorcery, or superhuman strength, and plays that character against a character designed by another player.

The newly-formed International Students Association wished to share cultures of the diversified student population. Membership was open to all students, although a primary goal was to provide an organization for the increasing number of foreign born pupils. In the club, members learned to organize and conduct meetings, complete projects within the framework of the school organization, study and share the cultures of many nations, and participate in wholesome, supervised activities.

Officers were president Nareth Kham, vice president Sotha Am, secretary Thonglian Thongkham, treasurer Malay Sok, and sergeant-at-arms

Sophin Damlong. Advisor was Patrick Durr who received assistance from staff personnel Maridale Smith and Sheila Smith.

The Key Club was once the most active and widely recognized clubs on campus. Members donated the Panther inlay in the main hall and the victory bell used during football season. They sponsored a foster child in Italy and later one in the Philippines.

In the 50's the club sponsored the State Key Club Convention in Modesto with approximately 700 people in attendance. The speaker was the National Blue Cross president, Mr. Melvin T. Munn. The club held weekly magazine collections for the patients at the Modesto State Hospital, and sponsored holiday parties for them.

After an absence of ten years, the Key Club was reorganized this year with Mr. Dennis Flores as advisor. Despite early enthusiasm and countless hours of planning and discussion, very little of substance was accomplished. Students whom the faculty thought would be good candidates for membership were already heavily involved in other extra-curricular activities and declined to participate. □



**International Club, front row:** Song Phompong, Oravanh Phouaypha, Keo Silim, Sathith Vongkhamchan, Palorn Lee, Sophin DamLong,

Ren Sann. **back row:** Advisor Patrick Durr, Palee Boonmy, Thonglian Thongkham, Nareth Kham, Virivong Vongsavanh, Samphon Lee, Bonleuth Kham, Lau Ngoun.

**Study Time.** During class International Club members Hoeub Pam, Sokham Chhoeung, Ket Doeung and Maly Sok work hard to complete their assignments.







**Now What'll We Do?** As Jason Medeiros prepares to take his turn in a noon-time D&D game, Danita Swinburg and Michelle Letcher contemplate what their character should do next.

**Dungeons and Dragons Club, front row:** James Villavicencio, Eddie Radza, Leeann Gilbert, Michelle Letcher, Ernie Radza, Guillermo Campos. **second row:** Advisor Rodney Owen, Danita Swin-

burg, Orlando Madrid, Hugo Vera, Jason Medeiros, Scott Spivak. **back row:** Vince Bentley, Phil Shuman, Renato Balenovich, Paul Gibson, Ed Sciarini, Brian Greer, Walter Smith.



**Key Club, front row:** Debbra Emord, Anna Lord, Dieu Do, Virginia McKibben, Beatriz Velasquez, Yolanda Her-

nandez. **back row:** David Scarborough, Aaron King, Leticia Zamora, Advisor Dennis Flores, Judy Brink, Stana Smith.



**Attack!** Ed Sciarini conducts a dungeon adventure in D&D during lunch.

**Almost Done.** Eager to complete the assignment, International Club member, Sophany Sok works hard.



**Next I Think We Should . . .** President Leticia Zamora and Aaron King listen attentively as Advisor Dennis Flores explains various options to the Key Club.



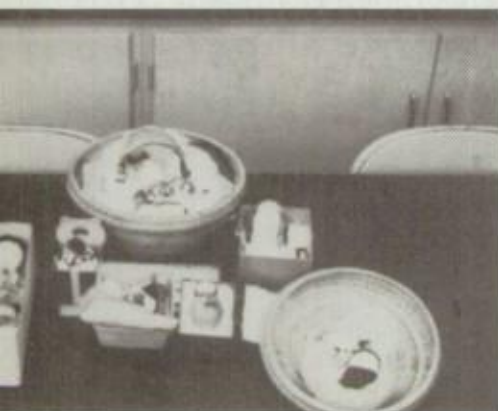
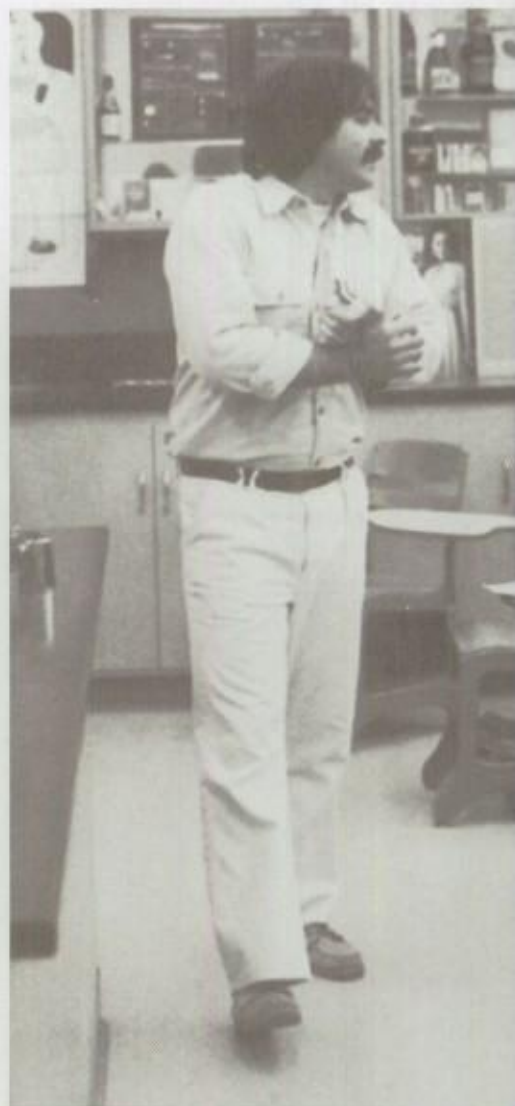
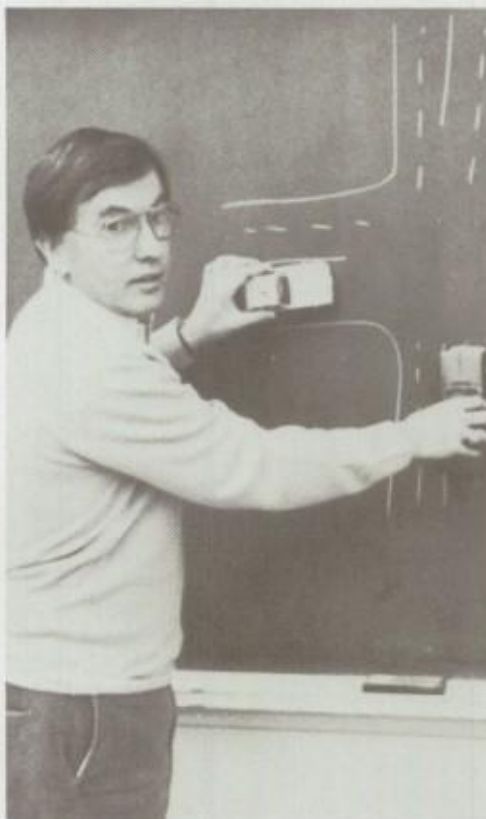
**Study Hard!** Drivers' ed students Terri Adams, Tony Buenrostro, Mike Earson and Pam Crisanty study for an upcoming test.



**"And Another Thing..."** Health students Nona Edwards, Annette Dickerson, Marvin Ron, Patrick Ketchum, Joel Summerfield, Catherine Mihelis, Jeff Neighbors, Michelle Ehrler, Tom Nester, and Pam Lovett intensely listen to an anatomy lesson.

**"Don't Do It"** John Berndt of the Mental Health Department explains the Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) program to health students.

**Red Light, Green Light.** Mr. Leonard Kaiser demonstrates basic traffic rules and techniques to his drivers' ed class.



**Baby Boom.** A small sampling of this year's wide assortment of very creative egg babies.



**Proud Parents.** Catherine Mihelis, Sherry Brownlee, Dawn Piscitello, Janelle Park and Patrick Ketchum proudly display their egg babies.

**The Bare Facts.** Health ed students learn about some of the shocking statistics regarding incest during a special guest lecture.





Health, careers,  
and driver ed

# Sophomore goals provide information

by Scott McKenzie

Every sophomore takes a series of courses called sophomore goals. Consisting of a quarter of drivers' education, a quarter of career planning, and a semester of health, sophomore goals are a graduation requirement. Which class a student is required to take first depends upon his or her birthdate. The classes are usually more fun than students expect, and they learn many things that will be helpful to them.

Health education taught students all the aspects of

general health. The introductory unit dealt with first aid, teaching students the life-saving techniques of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The most popular health assignment was once again the egg babies. This project helped to show students some of the responsibilities that accompany parenthood. In addition to the regular assignments, the classes had guest speakers, including a representative from Family Planning.

While enrolled in career plan-

ning, students were instructed in four areas which are designed to help them choose a suitable career. The GATB test helped to determine in which field students had the most skills. Students made several trips to the career center to see filmstrips and research different occupations. Also, they learned how to write a proper resumé, fill out a job application and act during a job interview.

Drivers' education is designed to teach students traffic laws and familiarize them with the basic mechanical systems of a car. They studied from the **Teen Drivers' Guide** and the **California Drivers' Handbook**, both of which are published by the Department of Motor Vehicles. They also had guest speakers from the California Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department. After finishing drivers' education, students had completed the required 30 hours of classroom instruction. This made them eligible to enroll in drivers' training, offered twice a year during PE classes. After taking this course, students were able to get their drivers' licenses. □



"I think health ed is a very important class because it helps to prepare students for the real world. You can learn a lot of useful things in that class."

—Mickey Prescott



**Life Savers.** Darlene Carvalho, Catherine Mihelis and David Baker practice cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on a special CPR dummy.

**Checking Out Jobs.** Mr. Manuel Palazuelos explains different career options to Richard Butler and Russell Black.



**Go to . . .** As instructor Warren Dunn helps another student in the background, ROP data processing students Sammy Solorio, Lucia Sianez and Jeannie Romey work

together to devise a difficult program.

**Hello, Career Center.** MHS ROP director Mrs. Beve Streeter answers questions about a class.

**Emergency!** Matt Gisler carries out his duties at the Scenic General Hospital emergency room, the training location of his hospital health occupations ROP class.

**Don't Look!** Concentrating on his welding, Jerry Miller makes sure that his job is flawless in his ROP agricultural welding class.



**ROP, WEX programs help**

## Students prepare for future careers

by Ron Lopes

**D**esigned to prepare students for a job, the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) provides a wide variety of specialized vocational classes that develop marketable skills, abilities, attitudes, and work habits," stated Mrs. Beve Streeter, MHS ROP Director.

ROP classes are taught at the four public high schools in Modesto and at several off-campus training centers. Classes offered at Modesto High include word processing, agricultural welding, and data processing. ROP classes taught at other area high schools range from agricultural careers to advanced computer programming. Classes which are offered at off-campus centers include teller training, hospital health occupations, exploring childhood, and law enforcement.

Before a course is offered, the job market is examined to determine how many people should be enrolled in each class. Approximately 100 to 125 students

from MHS are enrolled in ROP classes. To be enrolled in ROP, the student must be at least 16 years old and either a junior or senior.

Many students who become involved in ROP are made aware of what type of career they would like to pursue by working in different job situations. Then when the students go out to look for a job they find that it is much easier to obtain their desired work if they have taken an ROP class in their chosen area.

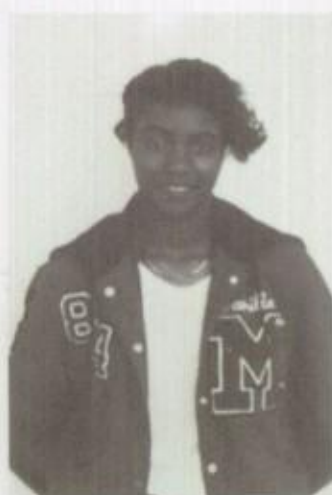
The Work Experience program is coordinated by Mr. Manuel Palazuelos. He deals with students who wish to receive school credit for their jobs. Many of these students go to work after fourth period rather than going to a sixth or seventh period class. One of the many advantages of taking Work Experience is that students don't necessarily have to take the class at the time they work. Those who take work experience first and second periods use their extra time to

either sleep in or possibly do some homework.

Being enrolled in Work Experience does involve certain responsibilities. For instance, the student has to complete approximately five written assignments per semester. Retaining one's job is another requirement of the class.

All Work Experience students are required to have their employers write evaluations describing the students' strengths and weaknesses. Mr. Palazuelos explained that these required evaluations aid tremendously in keeping a line of communication open between the employees and their employers, and this in turn keeps many students from losing their jobs.

Both ROP and Work Experience are extremely valuable in helping to instill many useful and worthwhile qualities and skills required in today's job market. They help to give students that extra edge which can make them successful in the future.



**'Being enrolled in ROP has been a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience. It has helped me to establish what courses I need to take in order to further my education.'**

**—Camilla Tillmon**





**Not Another Mistake!** Terri Speaks checks her word processing assignment to make sure that there aren't any flaws.

**Fill 'er Up.** Receiving work experience credit for her job at McDonald's, Bernadette Coito fills a drink for a customer.



**How About This One?**

Enrolled in the work experience program, Lori Thomas gains both job training and high school credits from her job at Gottschalk's Department Store.

**May I Help You?** Taking advantage of the ROP teller training course, Dieu Do assists a customer at her training center, Bank of America.



**You Want a Job?** Mr. Manuel Palazuelos explains the difficulty involved in getting a job to interested student Sally Hernandez.

**Keep on Peelin'.** Working at his job as a cook at King's Table Restaurant, Mike Eyerly prepares the evening meal.



**Big Red Jackets.** Talented athletes Lisa Andrews and John Shaw discuss the forecasts for the varsity basketball team's first game against Manteca.

**Ski Club, front row:** Michelle Letcher, Kris Wing, Manbin Rhana, Tracy Weiford, Anne Verissimo, Sean Wani. **second row:** Danita Swinburg, Marcos Madrid, Gilbert Sianez, Kathy

Verissimo, Michelle Ehrler, Rudy Veldhuizen, Rhonda Albright. **back row:** Mike Goncalves, Phil Cearley, Dianne McHale, Karin Smith, John Klink, Chad Basore, Jimmy Vento.



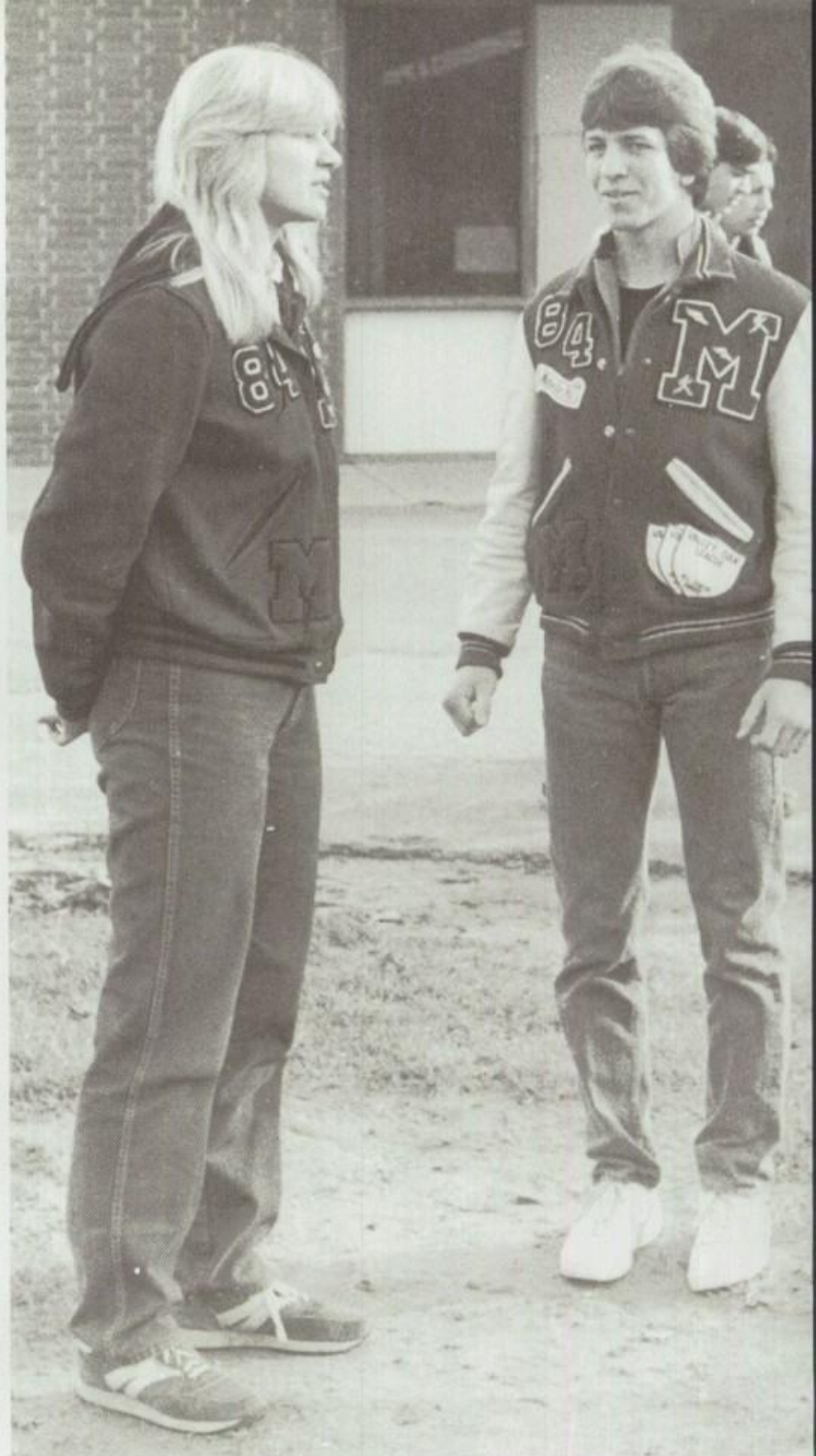
**Shooting for Two.** Participating in a friendly game of one-on-one, Jaime Perez takes a shot as Kelly Macy attempts to block it.



**Block M Society, front row:** Marcos Madrid, Sean Wani, Anne Verissimo, Kris Wing, Sandra Contreras. **second row:** Cindy Vermeulen, Rachel Cole, Jerry Rocha, Rhonda Albright, Karin Smith, Mike Goncalves, Camilla Tillmon. **third row:** Ron Dixon, Lucas Alberto, Mickey Nugent, Orlando Madrid, John Howard, Johnny Klink, Dianne McHale,

Stephanie Heersink. **back row:** Sam Cousins, Ron Hill, Humberto Urquidez, Mike Toso, David Lopez, Darren Teeple, Phil Cearley, Robert Berry.

**Leader of the Pack.** Running ahead of his fellow joggers, Jeff Neighbors starts the last lap around the gym before heading for the showers.



**A Day on the Slopes.** Going down an advanced slope, ski chaperone Jay Williams maneuvers his skis with expertise and skill.





PE, Ski Club,  
Block M promote

# Physical activities to capture interest

by Dianne McHale

Regarded as an easy class to take, physical education is nonetheless a two year requirement for graduation. For those students who are not able to be involved in a sports team, PE is an excellent opportunity to participate in their favorite sports by enrolling in the appropriate class.

Many classes are offered to satisfy students' diverse interests. Students may enroll in a general PE class, which includes a variety of physical activities such as football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. They can also register for a class offering a specific activity, such as dance, tennis, weightlifting, or slimnastics. With a large number of students taking more than two years of PE and the increase in school enrollment, PE

classes averaged 45 students each.

A goal of many students who compete in afterschool sports is to obtain a Block M. Only those students who play a varsity sport and earn 30 points have their efforts rewarded with a Block M patch. These are proudly worn on the popular Block M jackets surrounded by medals and awards earned throughout athletes' high school sports careers.

The Block M Society, which is composed of students who have earned Block M's, was relatively inactive this year. At one time, the club helped to raise money and bought equipment for the sports programs. But due to the ever-rising cost of playing sports, fundraising activities have been left largely to the individual sports teams.

Because of this, the Block M Society and its duties as a club have dwindled somewhat, so that it is now largely an honorary organization. Even so, many students, both boys and girls, still waited anxiously for the day they could finally purchase their own letterman's jacket and proudly wear their Block M to school.

Unlike previous years, the Ski Club was very active under the leadership of Advisor Paul Tischer. With plenty of good weather and snow, members of the Ski Club could often be seen on the slopes of such popular resorts as Dodge Ridge and Bear Valley. As a group, the club took a three day trip to Tahoe in February, where they saw plenty of slope action. □



**'The PE classes this year were a bit large but I enjoyed them just the same. PE is a good time to get out and have some exercise. It's the best class of the day.'**

—Justin Smith

**A Quick Dip.** During the warmer months, Michelle Vanderburg, Lydia Ortega, Elvira Ramirez and Diane Lopez relax by the pool enjoying the sun.



**What's the News?** Steven Lau, David Lopez, Sean Sickert and Junior

Shaird get together at lunch to discuss the latest box scores.

**Down We Come!** Joey Anderson and his father Pete enjoy a fun day skiing at Bear Valley.

**Free Throw.** Jimmy Villavicencio, Charles Arizon, Steve Tyler, Troy Glenn, Donald Borrelli, Robert Anderson and Rick Langerman practice free throws during third period PE.



# *MHS: the Heritage lives on with . . .*

**Cool as a Summer Breeze.** Shuffling to the heat, John "Dorsett" Miller walks coolly to class on Dress-Up Day.

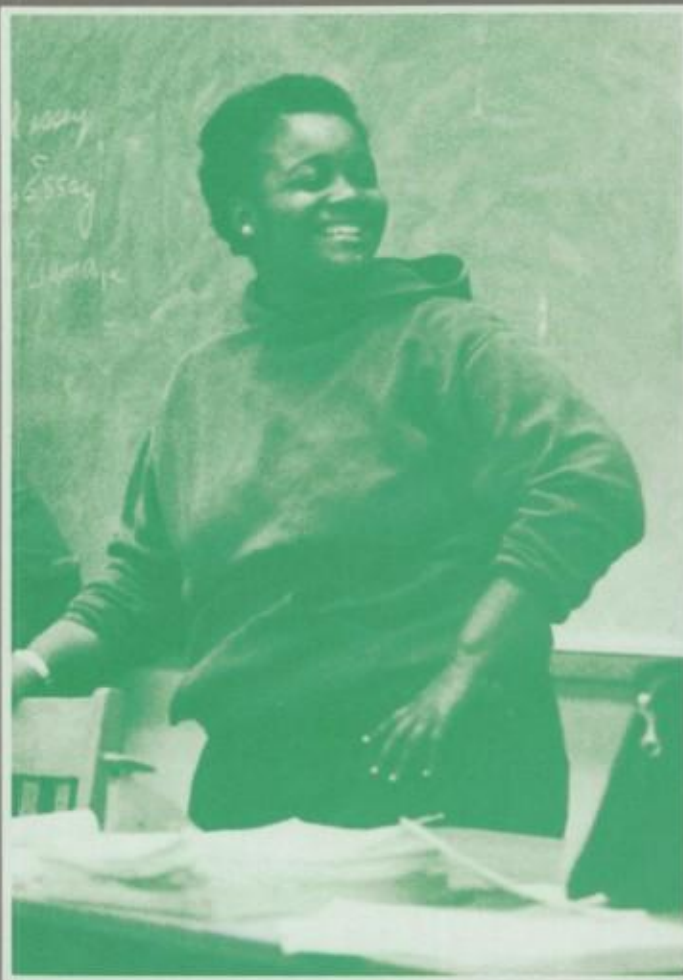
**Individuality.** Michelle Ehrler displays her taste in facial attire which contributes to her unique personality on Dress-Up Day.



**Did I Do This Right?**

Mike Toso watches carefully as Art Department chairman Leroy Giovannoni checks the vanishing points in Mike's perspective drawing of the main building.





**Daydreamers.** Waiting for lunch period to end, Rosa Contreras, Tonya Connelly and Kelley Ferns sit by the front lawn "M" and collect their thoughts.

**Are You Kidding?** BSU president Abbye Williams laughs at an unusually silly suggestion from one of the members at a lunch-time meeting.

**Just a Minute.** Carole Guyton, Leah Valenzuela and Zusi Zuniga loiter in the courtyard just before the tardy bell rings.



# the People

by Jacy Lee

**P**eople change every year at MHS, especially with senior students leaving and freshmen entering. This school year brought in one of the largest freshman classes

ever. Going from junior high to high school was a big change for the Class of '87, as was MHS's move to the new north campus. The Washington School site was obtained because of increasing high school enrollment the past two years, and generally declining elementary school enrollment. The school board re-drew elementary boundaries and closed the school to grades 1-6, in order for MHS to expand. Three small pieces of private property were also acquired. Along with the new campus, MHS also acquired some new teachers in the areas where they were needed.

Most of the freshmen attended some classes at the new MHS campus, along with a few upperclassmen who had an English class located at the new site. This made matters a little harder for them because they had to run an entire block from one set of buildings to the other, but after a while everyone became accustomed to the daily ritual.

Upperclassmen were already used to their changes, so they moved through the crowds just

fine. When the freshmen got here they had something else to worry about—which clique to belong to. There was a variety to choose from: the aggies in the courtyard, the lowriders by the Industrial Ed building or the blacks in the main hall, to mention three major groups. Some students preferred not to be a part of any clique simply because they wanted to remain individuals.

Most teenagers felt that if they belonged to a certain group they would be accepted by their peers. Actually, it really didn't matter which clique they belonged to; they were all individuals. Take, for example, graduation plans; not everyone in the same group belonged to the same plan, nor did they belong to the same class. Self-expression among each individual also differed. Just because two people "hung around" together didn't mean they had to act in the same manner.

Just as people who are good friends may be very different from each other, the freshman class was totally different from the senior class, and the faculty was different from the student body. But they all had one thing in common: they were a part of a great school with a great heritage. Modesto High held such a variety of individuals and forms of self-expression, it was little wonder that everyone was trying to "catch that Panther Spirit." □



## 'Gotta get outta that class'

by Elko Akagi

Throughout a student's four years at MHS, counselors play an important role. They follow each student's progress and maintain a copy of his records to make sure he is meeting all the requirements for graduation. It is also their responsibility to deal with problems which involve the student's progress, either classroom-oriented or of a personal nature.

The four counselors each have a different area of specialty. Mr. Walter Baddell is in charge of scholarships; Mr. Joe Fabella is the link between MHS and the junior college; Miss Trudi Kamps is

advisor than a friend. In the state of California, it is required that people interested in student counseling work as teachers before becoming counselors. Thus it is apparent that counselors are closely related to teachers and students.

While attending MHS, students need to have the proper program or schedule of classes, composed of "requireds" and "electives." These programs are designed with aid and advice from the counselors, so that at the end of four years, all the necessary work has been completed for graduation. Sometimes programs aren't arranged to a student's liking, or his needs change, and then counselors help to work out an alternative. □

**I Need Money.** Mr. Walter Baddell helps Carlos Pineda fill out a scholarship application.

**May I Go Unscheduled?** Ms. Sherrie King helps Monica Contreras change her schedule for the spring semester.



in charge of such tests as the PSAT; and Miss Sherrie King is in charge of bringing admissions representatives from four-year colleges and universities to MHS.

"I consider myself to be a friend of students," stated Miss King, while Miss Kamps regards herself as more of a good

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BA—San Francisco State  
cred. CSC, Stanislaus Vietnam Vet  
teacher, Empire School District  
MHS grad, 1963

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BA—UC Davis  
zoology  
member, CCD, JayCees  
enjoys auto sports, microcomputers  
teacher at Prescott School

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**Board Member**  
BA—U of Redlands  
credential, UC Berkeley  
Spanish  
member, AAUW, Girl Scout Council, League of Women Voters  
enjoys music, traveling, gardening, cooking, reading

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BS—Penn State U  
chemical engineering  
insurance agent

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**Board Member**  
BS—UC Berkeley  
BusAdm—Harvard  
MDiv—Harvard U of  
Pract. Theology  
taught at La Loma  
member, Rotary, PTA, Y's  
Men's Club, Boy Scouts  
AL, CC, MPAA, CA  
Writers' Club, Mod. Arts  
Advisory Council, United  
Community Church  
enjoys dramatics, photography, church work  
employed at YMCA

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**Board Member**  
MHS grad  
BS—Brigham Young U  
DDS—Western Reserve  
U, Cleveland, Ohio



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**Board Member**  
BA—CSC Fresno  
member, Great Valley  
Museum, SF Zool.  
Soc., MJC Fnd.  
enjoys skiing, nature,  
animals, seashore,  
books, children  
teacher in Sylvan  
School District

Dr. Robert Otto  
**Superintendent**  
BS—U of Nebraska  
MA—Creighton U,  
Omaha  
MS—Chapman College  
EdD—UCLA  
enjoys model trains,  
sports, family  
MCS Superintendent  
since January, 1981

Mr. James C. Enochs  
**Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum**  
BA—CSU San Jose  
MA—UC  
Adm. Cred.—UOP  
MHS grad  
MCS Asst. Superintendent since 1975



Mr. Richard Lang  
**Principal**  
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno  
political science, educa-  
tional management  
enjoys golf, tennis, and  
fishing  
at MHS since 1981

Mr. Joe Fabela  
**Counselor**  
BA—Fresno State  
MA—CSU, Sacramento  
member, Modesto  
Couns. Assn., CPGA,  
MTA-CTA-NEA,  
co-sponsor, MASA  
enjoys fishing, boating,  
water skiing  
at MHS since 1969

Ms. Diane Dana  
**Assistant Principal,  
Instruction**  
BA—Csc, Stanislaus  
member, California  
Math Council  
enjoys autos, swim-  
ing, sailing  
at MHS since 1975  
new as AP last year

Ms. Vivian Hawkins  
**Title I Counselor**  
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno  
member, Phi Delta Kap-  
pa  
enjoys sewing, swim-  
ing, bowling, com-  
munity involvement  
professional artist  
at MHS since 1976

Mr. Ronald Hill  
**Assistant Principal,  
Student Personnel**  
MA—Loma Linda U  
couns. and psych.  
member, Phi Delta  
Kappa  
enjoys work, bowling  
at MHS since 1976

Mr. Robert Head  
**Speech Therapist**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
in Communication  
Pathologies  
enjoys "fast music, fast  
cars, etc."  
at MHS in 1979, return-  
ed last year

Mr. Charles Vidal  
**Dean of Students**  
BA—Cal Poly, Pomona  
MA—Azusa Pacific  
College  
enjoys time spent with  
family, restoring  
antique cars  
at MHS since 1979

Mr. Leonard Kaiser  
**Athletic Director  
and Driver Ed**  
BA—Nebraska State  
enjoys sports  
at MHS since 1961

Mr. Walter Baddell  
**Counselor**  
BA—UC; MA—UOP  
advisor, CSF  
chairman, Elks Club  
Scholarship  
Committee  
president, Phi Delta  
Kappa  
at MHS since 1956

Ms. Trudy Kamps  
**Counselor**  
MSW—U of Michigan  
at MHS since 1969

Mr. Art Barba  
**Title I Coordinator**  
MA—CSC, Hayward  
enjoys woodcraft, ten-  
nis, basketball  
at MHS since 1977

Ms. Sheridan King  
**Counselor**  
MEd—UC Santa  
Barbara  
enjoys riding, sailing,  
skiing, painting,  
sculpting, reading  
at MHS since 1977



Mrs. Carol A. Nelson  
**School Nurse**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
PHN—Loyola U  
RN—Presbyterian-  
St. Luke's  
member, Stanislaus  
County School Nurse  
Organization  
member, California  
School Nurse Org.  
at MHS since 1971

Mr. William O'Brien  
**School Psychologist**  
BA, MS—UCLA  
enjoys football, swim-  
ing, basketball,  
tennis  
new at MHS this year

Mr. Rodney Owen  
**Director of Student  
Activities**  
BA—MacMurray  
College  
enjoys backpacking,  
fishing, and home  
repairs  
at MHS since 1974  
new as DSA last year

Mr. Manuel R.  
Palazuelos  
**Work Experience  
Counselor**  
BA—CSC, Sonoma  
past president, Nor-  
thern San Joaquin  
Valley Chapter,  
CAWEE  
at MHS since 1973

Mrs. Lucinda Predmore  
**Librarian**  
MA—U of Arizona  
history, education  
enjoys flying, reading,  
gardening  
at MHS since 1969

Mrs. Mary Rose Shelton  
**Chapter I Nurse**  
MA—Chapman College  
licensed Marriage,  
Family, and Child  
Counselor  
returned to MHS last  
year after 3 years in  
Europe



# Committed to meet students' needs

by Jaime Perez

This year was uniquely different for the MHS faculty because they were separated into two campuses. This expansion was brought about by the increase in enrollment and overcrowded conditions in the classrooms. It had been approved by the Board of Education to begin during the 1983 school year, but the mechanics of transferring elementary students and then remodeling the facilities made the actual occupancy impractical until the fall of 1983. With the expansion came the need for more teachers. These teachers joined one of the best faculties in the area, where a student's education comes first.

Meeting the changing needs of students and curriculum requirements was not an easy job, but the MHS faculty came through admirably. Some teachers taught in new departments while others adjusted to teaching at the new site and coping

with the entering freshmen.

Many of the faculty members were sponsors of the various organizations at MHS. They enjoyed advising students in an area in which they themselves had an interest. Without these dedicated people, students would not have been able to join clubs where they could try their hand at fundraising or helping out people in the community.

Spirited faculty members were often seen at the rallies and games where they yelled encouragement to the Panthers' athletic teams. Always encouraging students to try their best, each teacher used his own methods to get students interested in the subject being taught, such as Mr. Odell Scott's dramatic presentations for his physics class, and Mr. Loren Horton's famous bulletin boards. No matter what course they taught or how they did it, the faculty maintained the high standards that are traditional for MHS, committed to their students and the school. □



**Now Class, Let's Try the Whole Thing Once More.** Mother-to-be Mrs. Denise Hewitt goes over drills in some phonics vocabulary with her language lab classes.



**Be Sure to Listen Carefully.** Mr. Ed Gonsalves explains yet another problem on the board to help his math students with their homework.



**Let Me Help You.** Wood teacher Mr. Bill Yard explains to student Walter Sutton the importance of correct measurements.

**Mr. Paul Abby**  
**Physical Education**  
MS—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
coach, frosh football, varsity basketball  
at MHS since 1971

**Mr. Jim Autry**  
**Co-Chairman, English**  
AB—CSU, San Francisco  
advisor, Junior Class  
GATE teacher  
at MHS since 1971

**Miss Marilee Abercrombie**  
**Business**  
BA—CSU, San Jose  
at MHS since 1970

**Mr. John Blackman**  
**Resource Specialist**  
MA—CSU, Hayward  
degree in Music Ed.  
enjoys guitar, woodcraft, all sports  
professional musician/performer  
at MHS since 1977



**Mr. Daniel Boer**  
**Adaptive PE**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
physical education  
degree in Adaptive PE  
from UOP  
enjoys golf, fast-pitch softball, politics, world affairs  
at MHS since 1981

**Mr. Martin Boer**  
**Careers, Athletics**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
head coach, varsity baseball, frosh football  
enjoys golfing, hi fi, softball, racquetball  
at MHS since 1974



**Mrs. Phyllis Boteler**  
**Art**  
BA—Calif. Col. Arts  
and Crafts  
enjoys cooking, sket-  
ching, and painting  
at MHS since 1959

**Mr. H.L. Clark**  
**Social Science**  
MA—U of Tulsa  
advisor, Freshman  
Class  
coach, track  
enjoys gardening,  
reading, sports  
at MHS since 1965

**Mrs. Chris Broome**  
**English, Dance**  
MA—US International  
U  
opened own **Dance  
Arts Studio**, 1979  
at MHS since 1977

**Mr. Bobby Cole**  
**Math and PE**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys art, playing  
basketball  
at MHS since 1975

**Mrs. Aileene Campbell**  
**Chairman, Business**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys fishing, camp-  
ing, sewing  
at MHS since 1969

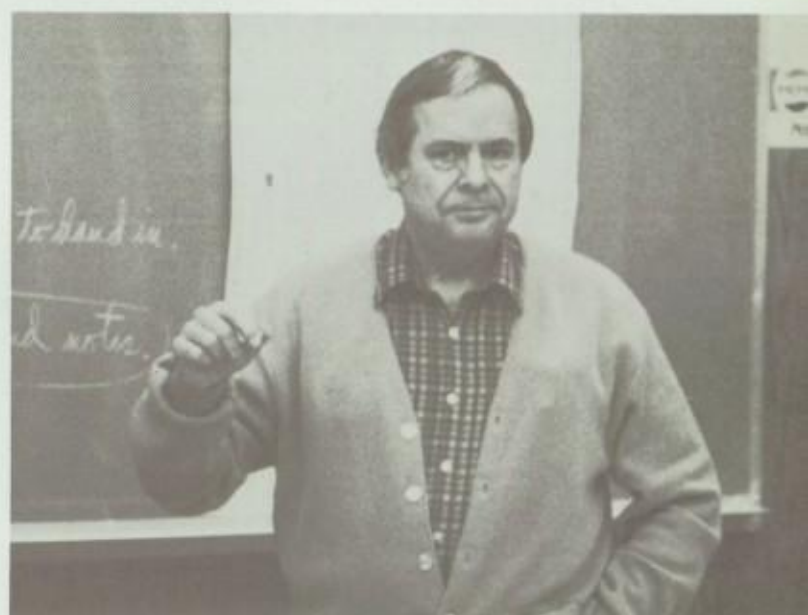
**Mr. Russell Cosgrave**  
**Agriculture, Science**  
MEd—UC Davis  
sponsor, FFA  
teaches ROP Welding  
At MHS since 1957

**Mr. Dennis Clark**  
**Music**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys music and ten-  
nis  
teaches piano and  
organ  
at MHS since 1970

**Mrs. Patricia Decker**  
**Co-Chairman, Home  
Economics**  
BA—CSU, Fresno  
member, Home  
Economics Assn.  
enjoys cooking, travel-  
ing  
at MHS since 1978

**This one gets an 'A.'** Mrs. Joan Fisher takes time during her prep period to grade some last minute Biology papers.

**Test tomorrow!** Government teacher Mr. John Whitaker reviews with his class on local government.



**Ms. Kris Domitrovich**  
**Co-Chairman, Science,  
Health**  
BS—San Jose State U  
enjoys sports, travel  
at MHS since 1979

**Mr. Warren Dunn**  
**Computer Literacy**  
MA—CSU, Chico  
Industrial education  
taught at MHS 13  
years, Beyer HS 8  
years, returned to  
MHS in 1981  
enjoys fishing, camp-  
ing, computers

**Mr. Patrick Durr**  
**English, ESL**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
advisor, International  
Club  
enjoys music, new  
songs  
at MHS since 1979,  
but taught here  
previously

**Mr. Harlan Elving**  
**Wood**  
MA—CSC, Chico  
sponsor, VICA  
union carpenter  
enjoys yard work,  
building furniture  
at MHS since 1962

**Mr. Riley Estabrook**  
**Migrant English  
Teacher**  
BA—North Texas  
State  
at MHS since 1978

**Mr. Tyrone Farley**  
**Resource Specialist**  
BA—CSU, Chico  
sponsor, Chess Club  
enjoys bowling, chess  
at MHS since 1968





**Alpha, Betty, Cal.**  
Mr. Ty Farley takes attendance during his science class.

**Trying to be Artistic.** Mr. James Thrasher draws up his next assignment.



**Mr. Karl Finch**  
**Science**  
BS—Cal Poly, Pomona  
enjoys church activities and all sports  
MHS grad  
at MHS since 1968

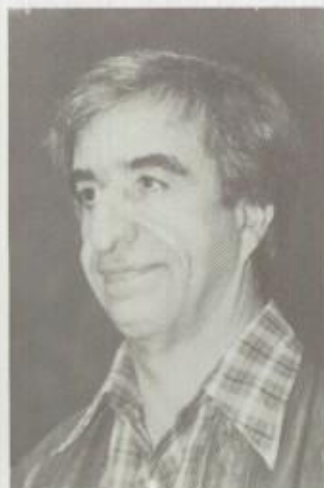
**Ms. Sharon Fowler**  
**Language Lab, English**  
BA—UC Berkeley  
advisor, Senior Class  
at MHS since 1973

**Mrs. Joan Fisher**  
**Science**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys sewing, reading, swimming and good students  
at MHS since 1966  
but on sabbatical last year

**Mr. Leroy Giovannoni**  
**Chairman, Art**  
MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
sponsor, School Service Art  
enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, scuba diving  
at MHS since 1957

**Mr. Dennis Flores**  
**Math**  
MA—UC Davis  
mathematics advisor, Key Club  
enjoys photography  
new at MHS this year

**Mr. Ed Gonsalves**  
**Math**  
BS—U of San Francisco  
member CTA State Council, CTA Advisory Panel on Insurance, and MTA Board of Directors  
at MHS since 1966



**Mr. Manuel Gonsalves**  
**Govt, Am. Hist.**  
BA—UC Berkeley  
memb., Phi Beta Kappa, MTA Bd. of Dir., CCD, Inc.  
president, Stanislaus Adult Blind Club  
enjoys gardening, reading, traveling  
at MHS since 1962

**Ms. Megan Gowans**  
**English**  
BA—UC Davis  
American studies  
GATE teacher, speech coach  
enjoys tennis, skiing  
at MHS since 1982

**Mr. José I. Guerrero**  
**Spanish, PE**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
Bilingual credential coach, Cross Country, Soccer  
enjoys chess, jogging  
at MHS since 1979

**Mr. William Han**  
**Special Education**  
BS—J. B. Stetson U  
member, MTA, CTA, NEA and CEC  
enjoys fishing, hunting, flying, skin diving  
at MHS since 1958

**Mrs. Joanne Henry**  
**PE and Language Lab**  
BS—Bemidja Stat College of Minnesota  
enjoys gardening and macramé  
at MHS since 1967

**Mrs. Denise Hewitt**  
**English and Business**  
BA—CSU, San Jose  
home ec, business winner, Betty Crocker FLT award  
sponsor, Rally and Cheerleading  
enjoys cooking, sewing, family  
at MHS since 1981



Mr. Arlen Holen  
**Science**  
MS—U of Utah  
member, CTA, NEA,  
MTA  
sponsor, Science Club  
enjoys hiking, jogging,  
bicycling, fishing  
at MHS since 1979,  
but taught here  
previously

Mr. Loren Horton  
**History**  
MA—U of Redlands  
GATE teacher  
enjoys music and  
cooking  
at MHS since 1957

Mrs. Diana Holtz  
**Co-Chairman, Home  
Economics**  
BA—CSC, Sacramento  
sponsor, S Club  
at MHS since 1971

Mr. James V. Kenyon  
**English**  
MA—U of Oregon  
advisor, Junior Class  
GATE teacher  
enjoys duplicate  
bridge  
at MHS since 1964



Miss Dolores Killam  
**Co-Chairman, Physical  
Education**  
MA—CSU, Sacramento  
sponsor, Ski Club  
coach, tennis teams  
member, Booster Club  
enjoys woodworking,  
tennis, skiing  
at MHS since 1953

Mr. Mike Kiyoi  
**Business, PE**  
BS—CSU, Fresno  
coach, football, wrest-  
ling, track  
at MHS since 1971

## 'North Campus Gang' sets up shop

by Ed Sclarini

Modesto High School North Campus. Sounds impressive, doesn't it? To most students, it is still known as Washington School, or simply as "across the street." Located a block across H Street from the main MHS campus, the former elementary school now houses freshman English and world geography classes as well as others. Students in these classes were given two extra minutes between periods to negotiate the H Street crosswalks and cover the longer distances.

Teachers agreed that students adapted nicely to the new routine despite their initial objections. Teachers, too, had misgivings at first. With their physical removal from the main campus came feelings of isolation from the rest of the faculty and

school. This feeling had a positive side, though; many teachers believed their classroom time was of better quality due to fewer distractions and interruptions.

Stated Mrs. Yvonne Wilson, a Chapter 1 English teacher at the new site, "I noted a definite feeling of camaraderie among the north campus staff." To avoid any possible feelings of alienation from the main campus teachers, the faculty from the new quarters hosted a "stay acquainted" party for their main campus counterparts.

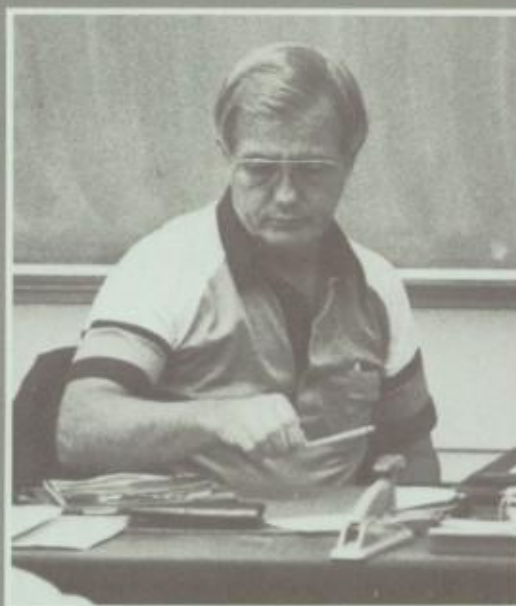
Everyone seems to agree that the addition of the north campus was worthwhile, and that it has continued the spirit of excellence of which is part of the traditional heritage of Modesto High School. □



**On Your Mark, Get Set . . .**  
Mrs. Yvonne Wilson times  
Troy Sasashima on his  
reading exercises.



**One More Time.** Mr. Wayne  
McGhee begins a lecture to  
his freshman world geo-  
graphy class.



**Here You Go.** During his  
third period world geo-  
graphy class, Mr. H.L. Clark  
hands a pencil to a student.



# Joining the elite Panther mentors

by Stefanie Wood

**G**etting a new teacher on campus is an exciting experience for everyone, not only for the students but for the teachers as well. Added to the 93 staff members were five new teachers.

Mr. Dennis Flores, a graduate from UC Davis, taught algebra and basic math. Teaching at Modesto High is Mr. Flores' first full-time job. "I find it very challenging but very interesting. I enjoy working with the students and dealing with their everyday problems, and their different personalities," said Mr. Flores.

Mr. Bill Stanfield was a transfer from his former position as dean of students at Beyer High School. He has been involved in education for 24 years, and in the district for ten years. "I enjoy being back in the classroom and the traditional attitude displayed by the school and its students. I was really pleased with the welcome given to me by the faculty; it was greatly appreciated. I'm finding it very enjoyable not taking care of disciplinary actions," stated Mr. Stanfield.

Working across the street on the north campus were Joni Strohm, Sharon Poston, and Larry Masters. Joni Strohm, an English teacher, actually began teaching at MHS in 1982 as a long-term substitute. "I like being on the north campus. I have a room of

my own, and I really enjoy the quietness," commented Miss Strohm, an MHS graduate. "I think the spirit at Modesto High is outstanding and I'm happy to be a part of it."

Mrs. Sharon Poston, a ten-year veteran of Pioneer High School, also taught English at MHS for the first time. Mrs. Poston said, "I'm proud to be a part of such a well-established high school as MHS. It has a great reputation and an outstanding amount of pride."

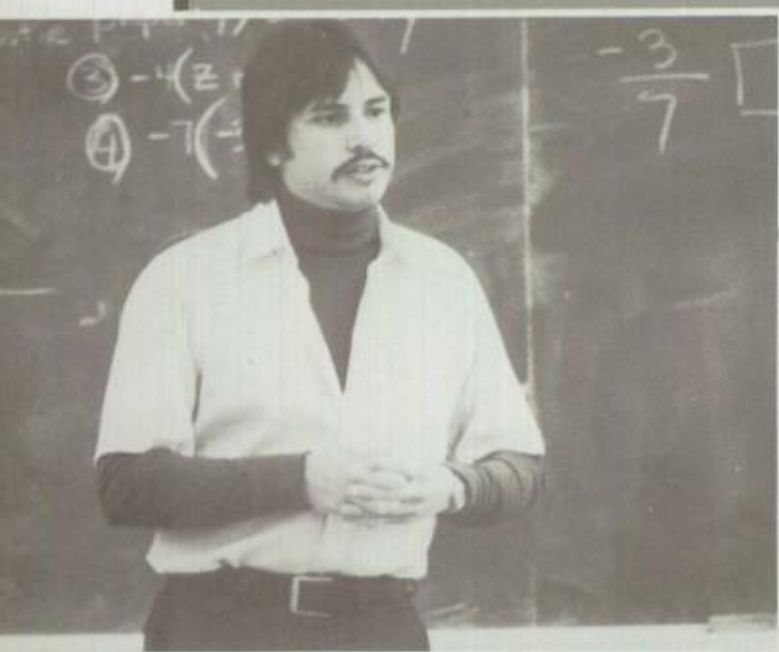
New to the special education staff was Mr. Larry Masters. He formerly taught in the Virgin Islands before coming to Modesto. "I find the administration very impressive in the way they are able to keep such a large school in the great shape it is," observed Mr. Masters.

After several years of "static" growth, enrollment began going up, and that meant a need for more teachers. The new additions to an excellent staff were welcomed gladly and soon fit right in. □



**Not More Homework?** Miss Joni Strohm hands out assignments to her freshman English class.

**Let's Have a Group Discussion.** Mr. Dennis Flores explains a new type of equation to his algebra 11 class.



**Mr. Vincent Lane**  
**Math**  
BA—CSU, Sacramento  
enjoys golf, jogging  
at MHS since 1965

**Mr. Marvin Lundquist**  
**World Geography**  
BA—Western  
Washington State  
College  
advisor, Freshman  
Class  
enjoys hiking, reading,  
music, book collecting  
at MHS since 1962

**Mrs. Carolyn Leathers**  
**Gymnastics, Language**  
**Lab**

BA—UC Berkeley  
enjoys camping, softball, reading  
at MHS since 1975

**Mr. Larry Masters**  
**Special Ed —SED**  
BA, MEd—West  
Georgia College  
enjoys tennis, camping  
new at MHS this year



**Mr. John McCaffery**  
**Business**  
BS—U of San Francisco  
enjoys handball, tennis, racketball, volleyball, hiking, and biking  
at MHS since 1951

**Mr. Wayne McGhee**  
**World Geography, PE**  
BA—CSU, Fresno  
physical education coach, varsity basketball  
played 4 years minor league baseball  
enjoys sports, gardening, family  
at MHS since 1982



Mr. Butch Mendonca  
**World Geography, PE**  
BA—Humboldt State  
member, CTA, AFCA  
head coach, varsity  
football  
enjoys golf and water  
skiing  
at MHS since 1979

Ms. Roxanna O'Brien  
**Science and Math**  
MA—UC Davis  
scorekeeper for girls  
basketball  
enjoys science,  
physical fitness  
new at MHS last year

Mr. John Miller  
**Social Science, PE**  
BA—Adrian College  
MA—Eastern  
Michigan U  
coach, wrestling,  
soph football  
enjoys camping,  
travel, fishing  
at MHS since 1971

Mrs. Beatrice  
Overgaauw  
**Special Ed—SED**  
BA—Calvin College,  
Grand Rapids, MI  
social studies  
enjoys collecting anti-  
ques and old post-  
cards, needlepoint  
new at MHS this year

Mrs. Julie Newburn  
**Resource Specialist**  
BA—CSU, Chico  
MA—U of La Verne  
enjoys skiing,  
needlework, traveling  
at MHS since 1982

Mr. Rick Paderas  
**Orchestra**  
BM—UOP  
member, CODA, CMEA  
enjoys fishing, bowl-  
ing, photography  
at MHS since 1976

Mr. Loren Nyman  
**Chairman, Agriculture**  
BS—CSU, Fresno  
sponsor, FFA  
at MHS since 1968

Ms. Barbara Palitz  
**English**  
BS—Temple U  
MA—U of N. Colorado  
enjoys running,  
women's issues,  
music  
new at MHS this year

**Attention Class!** The familiar call to order was frequently issued by Mrs. Sharon Poston to her seventh period class.



**Candid Camera.**  
The photographer catches Mr. Bill Stanfield busily recording semester grades.

**Roll Call.** Preparing to take attendance, Mr. Larry Masters reads the daily bulletin to his first period class.

Mr. M. H. Peterson  
**Special Education**  
BA—Concordia Col-  
lege  
at MHS since 1973

Mr. Herb Poddig  
**Co-Chairman, Physical  
Education**  
AB—UC Berkeley  
coach, golf team  
at MHS since 1957

Mrs. Sharon Poston  
**English**  
BA—CSU, Fresno  
history  
advisor, Sophomore  
Class  
enjoys cooking and  
tennis  
new at MHS this year

Mr. Tony Pruitt  
**English, Newspaper**  
BA—San Francisco  
State  
member, CATE, NCTE  
advisor, Senior Class,  
**Broadcast**  
at MHS since 1979,  
but taught here  
previously



**Mrs. Judy Remmers**  
**Chairman, Foreign**  
**Language; French,**  
**Clothing**  
 BA—Gustavus Adolphus College  
 sponsor, French Club  
 at MHS since 1967

**Mr. James Shuman**  
**Photojournalism,**  
**English, Yearbook**  
 MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
 advisor, Sycamore and  
 Art Club  
 enjoys art, gardening,  
 writing poetry, new  
 grandson  
 at MHS since 1966

**Mr. Willard M. Ripley**  
**Auto Mechanics**  
 BA—CSU, Fresno  
 District VICA Advisor  
 enjoys water and snow  
 skiing, old car collect-  
 ing  
 at MHS since 1972

**Mrs. Maridale Smith**  
**German**  
 BA—UC Berkeley  
 sponsor, German Club,  
 AFS  
 at MHS since 1977,  
 but also taught here  
 previously

**Mr. Gary Runsten**  
**Chairman, Music**  
 MM—U of Michigan  
 District Music Chair-  
 man  
 sponsor, Pep Band  
 at MHS since 1971

**Mr. Ron Smith**  
**Math, PE**  
 BA—Westmont Col-  
 lege  
 coach, girls varsity  
 basketball, asst.  
 baseball  
 enjoys computers, all  
 sports  
 new at MHS last year

**Mr. John C. Sample**  
**Chairman, Social**  
**Science; Am. Hist.**  
 BS—U of Wisconsin,  
 Superior  
 member, Phi Delta  
 Kappa  
 assistant announcer,  
 football & baseball  
 enjoys photography  
 MHS chairman, PTA  
 at MHS since 1954

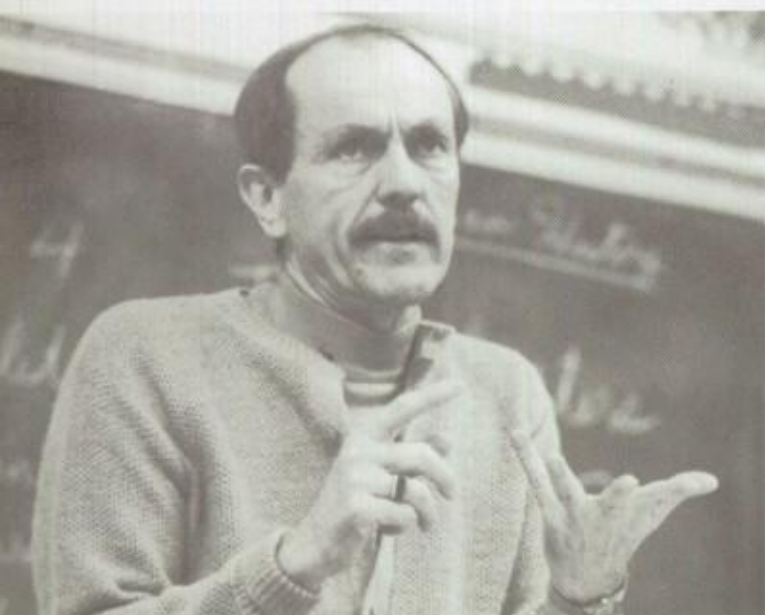
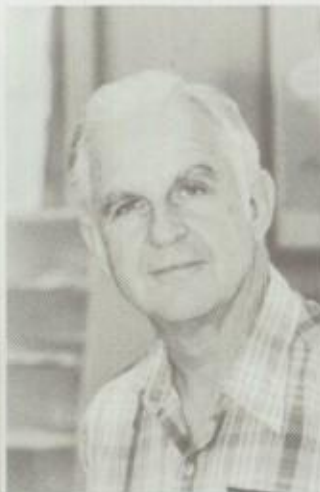
**Mr. William Stanfield**  
**Math**  
 BA, MA—UOP  
 enjoys racquetball,  
 camping, photogra-  
 phy, reading, cooking  
 taught at Bret Harte,  
 Enslin, Beyer, Davis  
 new at MHS this year

**Mr. Odell Scott**  
**Co-Chairman, Science**  
 MS—Brigham Young U  
 and Arizona State U  
 member, LDS (Mor-  
 mon) Church  
 sponsor, Science Club  
 at MHS since 1957

**Miss Joni Strohm**  
**English**  
 BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
 member, Modesto Chi  
 Alpha  
 GATE teacher  
 new at MHS last year

**Mr. Vincent Sereno**  
**Chairman, Industrial**  
**Ed; Graphic Arts**  
 BA, MA—CSU, Fresno  
 enjoys photography,  
 fishing, travel, sports  
 at MHS since 1961

**Mrs. Ingrid Strong**  
**Migrant Resource**  
**Teacher**  
 MA—U of Arizona  
 ESL, German  
 enjoys skiing, tennis,  
 reading, backpacking  
 at MHS since 1981



**And Don't Forget Who Did What When**  
**Where and How!** During one of his American  
 history classes, Mr. Loren Horton lists ex-  
 amples to help his students prepare for a test.



**Mr. James Thrasher**  
**Resource Specialist,**  
**PE**  
 BA—Wittenburg U  
 coach, soph basket-  
 ball, frosh baseball  
 advisor, BSU  
 enjoys basketball,  
 softball, movies,  
 music  
 at MHS since 1981



**Mr. Paul F. Tischer**  
**English, Drama**  
 MA—CSC, Stanislaus  
 enjoys camping, ski-  
 ing, traveling  
 director, Modesto Per-  
 forming Arts Assn.  
 at MHS since 1965



**Mr. Kenneth Tisdell**  
**Math**  
 BFA—U of Utah  
 music and education  
 plays music profes-  
 sionally, entire family  
 are musicians  
 at MHS since 1961



**Mr. Robert Welch**  
**Reading LH/EH**  
 MA—U of Iowa  
 past president, Phi  
 Delta Kappa 1068  
 at MHS since 1968



Mrs. Bertha West  
**English**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
enjoys reading,  
refinishing furniture,  
two children  
at MHS since 1975

Mr. John Whitaker  
**Government**  
MA—Columbia U  
member, ACLU, Com-  
mon Cause  
announcer for football  
games  
advisor, Senior Class  
at MHS since 1952

Ms. Ila Westfall  
**Chairman, Math**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
sponsor, Math Club  
enjoys photography,  
tennis  
at MHS since 1981

Mr. Kenneth Williams  
**Co-Chairman, English;  
Journalism**  
BA—CSC, Stanislaus  
co-author of 'Voices in  
Literature'  
district resource per-  
son for language arts  
development, K-12  
sponsor, Quill & Scroll  
MHS grad  
at MHS since 1963



Mrs. Yvonne Wilson  
**English**  
AB—UC Berkeley  
AA—MJC  
an MHS grad  
gymnastics judge  
enjoys sports  
at MHS since 1956

Mr. William Yard  
**Metal Shop, Woodcraft**  
BA—CSC, Chico  
enjoys photography,  
kayaking, windsurf-  
ing  
at MHS since 1968

## 'Practice makes Perfect' in teaching

by Chris Deatty

**W**hat is a student teacher? This question was answered by Don Baughn, one of the two student teachers at MHS. "A student teacher is like an intern in a hospital. He has the knowledge and is able to apply it in a learning situation." Student teachers are in training to become teachers. They are in between the students and the teachers in responsibility. Their position is a non-paying one involving a lot of work.



**A-One and A-Two . . .**  
Conductor Don Baughn leads the beginning band through a difficult piece of music.

**Object: Hit the Ball.**  
During a game of tennis, Russ Garcia stops to give assistance to Michelle White, Tammy Westfall, Susan Noffsinger.



sessions third period every day for organizing. The first semester of school he observed and did some teaching. After Christmas, he was assigned to different junior high schools and elementary schools, training to eventually take over his own class.

Don, while at Modesto, worked with band director Gary Runsten. Don felt that working with Gary was a very beneficial learning experience. He commented, "I came in ignorant of the marching band in all aspects: writing shows, budgeting time for rehearsals, and general knowledge of fund raising." Although not required to do so, Don went to all of the band competitions and after-school rehearsals.

Russ Garcia was a student teacher in the Physical Education Department. His program was with University of the Pacific. To keep in touch with the program, he met once a week in Stockton and often talked with his master teacher over the phone. Russ was in the program until January.

Russ chose to be at Modesto High because it was most convenient for him. In his training, he worked with Miss Dee Killam in tennis and Mr. Herb Poddig in general PE. He also coached the Girls JV Basketball Team. In the future, he plans to move

The two student teachers at MHS were Don Baughn and Russ Garcia. Don Baughn was with Cal State Stanislaus and taught in the Music Department. Don traveled to Manteca three times a week for teaching seminars and had pre-conference rap

into more specialized areas of physical education.

Even though both Russ and Don were graduates of Downey High, they enjoyed the time they spent working at MHS, and agreed that the students here accepted their authority. □



# **Why Can't They Use the Garbage Cans?** Custodians Steve De La Cruz and Lee La

Moureaux begin their daily ritual of sweeping the main hall floor at the start of sixth period, just after lunch time is over.



## **Behind-the-scenes staff serves school**

by Dixie Weststeyn

What dedicated group enabled Modesto High to operate during the year? The obvious answer is "the service staff." Working long hours, these behind-the-scenes people cooked, cleaned, repaired, typed, filed, and did all the little things that students never noticed, but were absolutely vital to the school's proper functioning. Employees considered as service staff included custodians, cafeteria workers, clerical staff members, teacher aides, campus supervisors, and bus drivers.

The custodial staff, in charge of repair and maintenance, also kept our campus clean and presentable. If you have ever doubted that teenagers are messy, just ask a custodian, and he will set your mind at ease! Though the size of the staff had not increased over last year, the work load certainly did, due to the addition of the north campus.

When hungry, many students took advantage of the school's cafeteria and snack bar, where nutritious food was served at reasonable prices. The cooks tried very hard to make their food appetizing and appealing. Judging from the long lines, they did a

good job. Business boomed, according to Pat Hildreth, cafeteria manager. "Our (school) enrollment was up, our lunch count was up and snack bar sales were up; things are lookin' good!"

Clerical staff members completed most of the school's paperwork, kept all financial records, and encouraged peace, order, and organization in the library, career center, and bookroom. Most students didn't often come in contact with the clerical staff, but they labored to promote the education and welfare of students and faculty.

All teacher aides did their best to help students by giving them extra attention and individualized instruction. Campus supervisors, however, were avoided by students. Caught out of class without a pass, students were quickly referred to the dean's office. Bus drivers, also considered service staff, chauffeured students to and from school for a 25¢-per-ride fee.

Despite their role as "background support," the entire student body is indebted to the service staff for their efforts and hard work towards maintaining our school as the fine place it has always been. □

Rick Ahern  
SED Aide

Hazel Bates  
Chapter I Aide

Ruth Anderson  
Bookroom Clerk

Opal Bowen  
Special Ed Aide



Mary Cabral  
Migrant Ed Aide

Phyllis Castleman  
English Department  
Secretary

Irene Carranza  
Chapter I Aide

Mary Davis  
School Secretary



Theresa Fechner  
Dean's Secretary

Mary Gutnecht  
Special Ed Aide



Susan Flarida  
Truancy Clerk

Diane Hansen  
Chapter I Aide



Albino Franco  
Migrant Ed Aide

Joan Huesca  
Special Ed Aide



Joe Gallardo  
Journalism Aide



Jess Garcia  
Campus Supervisor



Leanne Gordon  
Campus Supervisor



**Number from 1 to 10 . . .** Helping students to improve their vocabulary skills, Chapter I Aide Sheila Smith administers an exercise.

**Looking for Something.** Kathy Overgaard, school receptionist, searches through free lunch forms to find the information she needs.

Ruth Johnson  
Chapter I Clerk

Marcy Matson  
Principal's Secretary

Wendy Lanphear  
Library Clerk

Gloria McCoy  
Counseling Office Secretary

Sheryl Lobello  
Special Ed Aide

Laura McDaniel  
Typist Clerk



**Bus Drivers:** Nick Nichols, Rosalind Pickett, Ray Huckabay, Ann Scoggin, Millie Copp, Lee Shelton.

**Cafeteria Staff, front row:** Carol Geams, Salvina Penn, Billie Knott, Annie Borrelli, Gloria Yorston, Mary Carpenter. **middle row:** Deirdre Taylor, Kathy Avants, Pat Hildreth, Kitty Corda, Esther Grossman, Rachel Jobe. **back row:** Barbara Zalaco, Wanda Skaggs, Patricia Bowman, Lupe Padilla.



Therese McHale  
Special Ed Aide

Beverly Miller  
Attendance Clerk

Addie McManus  
Chapter I Aide

Janice Moore  
SED Aide



**Custodial Staff, front row:** Bill Fox, Jim Stanton, Tom Zalaco, Lee La Moureaux, Robert Sandoval. **back row:** Ed Trapp, Leon Imbert, Jerry Stuart, Paul Van Houten, Joe Sephers.

Sandy Orique  
Special Ed Aide

Kathy Overgaard  
School Receptionist

Joanne Ornales  
SED Aide

Lucille Paul  
Records Clerk



Janet Pettigrew  
Computer Clerk

Carmen Rodriguez  
Chapter I Aide

Jean Redlew  
Migrant Ed Aide

Diana Scott  
Bookkeeper



Sheila Smith  
Chapter I Aide

Ursula Spafford  
Chapter I Aide

Beve Streeter  
Career Center  
Assistant

Marilyn Todd  
Chapter I Aide

# The 'real' book-keepers of MHS

by Sean Wani

Who looks after the more than 10,000 books on our campus? If you guessed Mrs. Wendy Lanphear and Mrs. Ruth Anderson, you guessed right. These two people can be called the "real book-keepers of MHS." Mrs. Lanphear is the assistant librarian and Mrs. Anderson is the bookroom clerk. Mrs. Lanphear's job entails a combination of getting along with people and working with books, magazines, and audio-visual aids. She enjoys her job greatly because she loves helping and working with students. This was her third year at MHS, which she feels

hesitant to say that she has an open home. Already she has had two students from Up With People and two foreign exchange students stay in her home. One of the foreign exchange students who stayed with her was Bo Annvik, an MHS graduate last year. Mrs. Lanphear had the opportunity to attend her other exchange student's wedding in Belgium this past Christmas.

Mrs. Ruth Anderson's job involves the maintenance and repair of all school textbooks. She ensures that all textbooks are covered, and paid for when lost by careless students. Textbooks with an old publication date are taken to be stored in a warehouse. But before they are stored, Mrs. Anderson makes sure that the other three high schools have an opportunity to use them if they need them. Because of the bus fee, the bookroom also has the job of selling bus tickets to students.

Mrs. Anderson has two children; one is in the service stationed in West Germany. She also has two grandchildren, ages six and ten, whom she enjoys very much.

Both Mrs. Lanphear and Mrs. Anderson are staff members that



**Seal of Approval.** Mrs. Ruth Anderson pauses for a smile while stamping books in the book room.

**Stacking Them Up.** Mrs. Anderson looks for a book among the many that are shelved.

**Checking Them In.** While sitting at her desk, Mrs. Wendy Lanphear checks in overdue books.

is the best school in the city because of its outstanding student body and faculty. Out of school, Mrs. Lanphear is a family-oriented person. She has three children: Mary, who is 22, John who is 17, and Naomi who is 12. She isn't

MHS is proud to have. Without the hard work from these two individuals, library materials and textbooks would not be as accessible as they have been, which means that in a very real sense these two ladies can be called the "book-keepers of MHS." □



# Class of '84 continues heritage

by Ron Lopes

As the seniors' final months of high school quickly passed by, some gave a sigh of relief as others wondered where the four years had gone. What's next? This was a question commonly asked by the twelfth grade students. The answer was clear to some but not to all. Seniors' future plans varied greatly, from attending a four year college to getting a job immediately after high school. Although members of the Class of '84 entertained a variety of interests, their one common denominator was their exposure to the many different aspects and opportunities of MHS life.

Many felt that their final year was the most hectic due to the problems of being a senior. Deadlines had to be met and requirements fulfilled as potential graduates struggled to earn their diplomas. Another burden for seniors was the many expenses with which they were faced. Ranging from senior portraits to caps and gowns, it seemed as if seniors were constantly being confronted with more demands for their money.

"I was very impressed by the large number of people who attended the meetings," said Senior

Class President Kashmir Gill. "However, considering the reputation the Class of '84 has had throughout high school, it's not surprising." Although the attendance at class meetings was very good, most seniors were plagued with apathy when volunteers were needed for the various fundraisers. Nevertheless, there were a dedicated few who came through and provided the enthusiasm that fellow classmates were lacking.

Members of the Class of '84 displayed their enthusiasm by the sale of placemat ads for the Senior Dinner Dance. While a portion of this money went toward the senior class account, the remainder was applied to the \$65 fee that was required to go on the Disneyland trip.

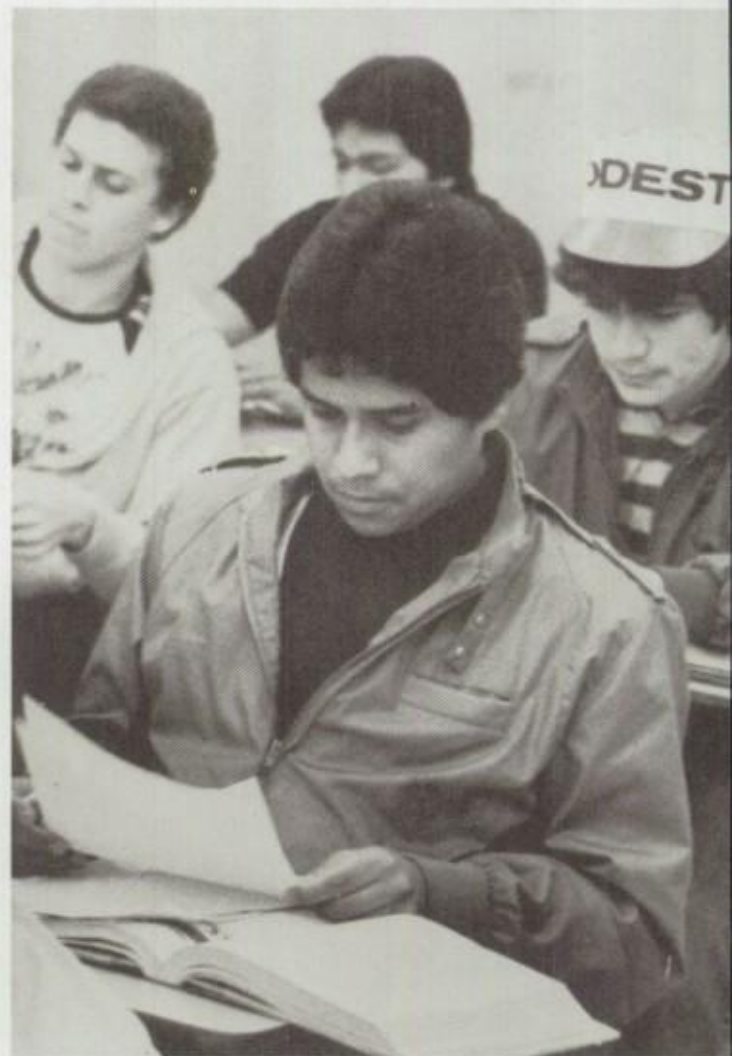
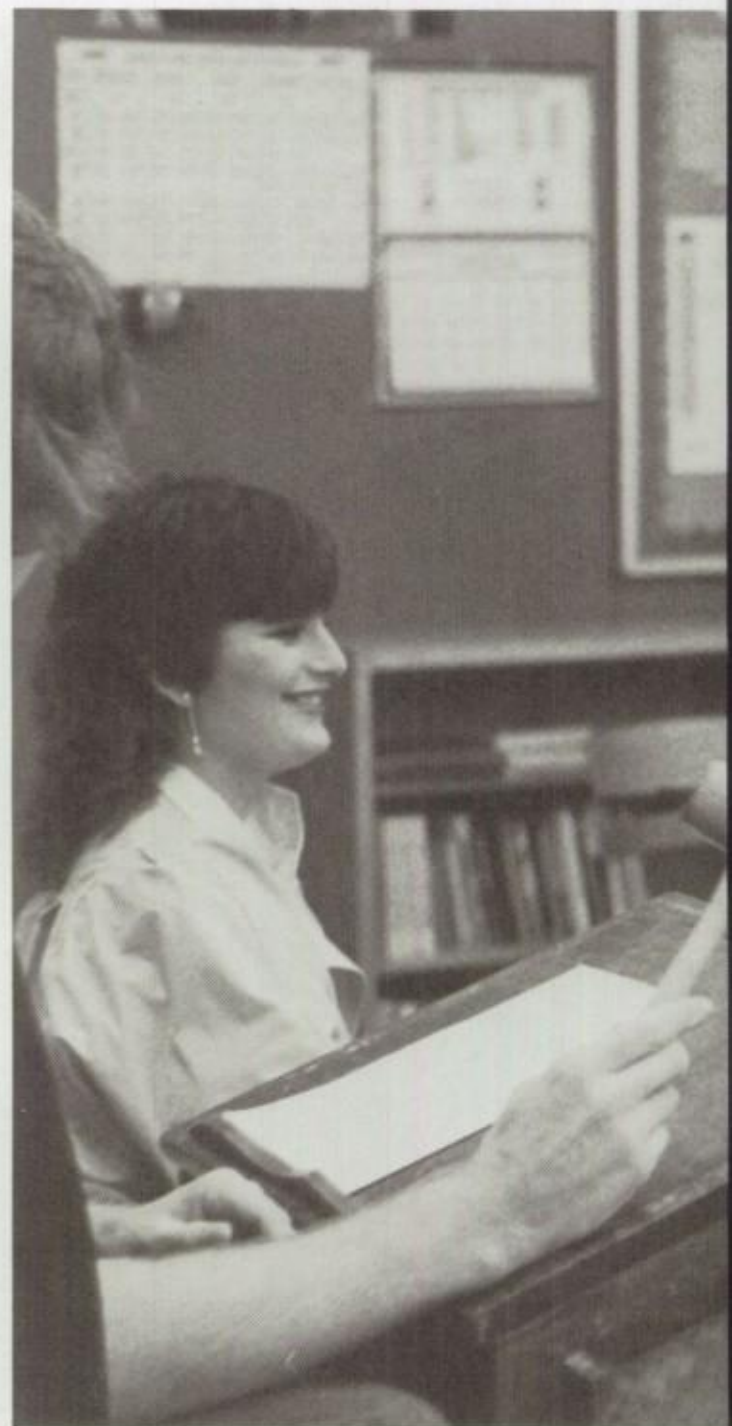
Some of the major senior class projects included organizing the Senior Dinner Dance, selecting caps, gowns and announcements and choosing a gift for the school.

"Thanks to the class officers and several others, the senior class of '84 showed more enthusiasm and willingness to participate in MHS activities than any I have seen in a long time," praised senior class advisor, Tony Pruitt. □

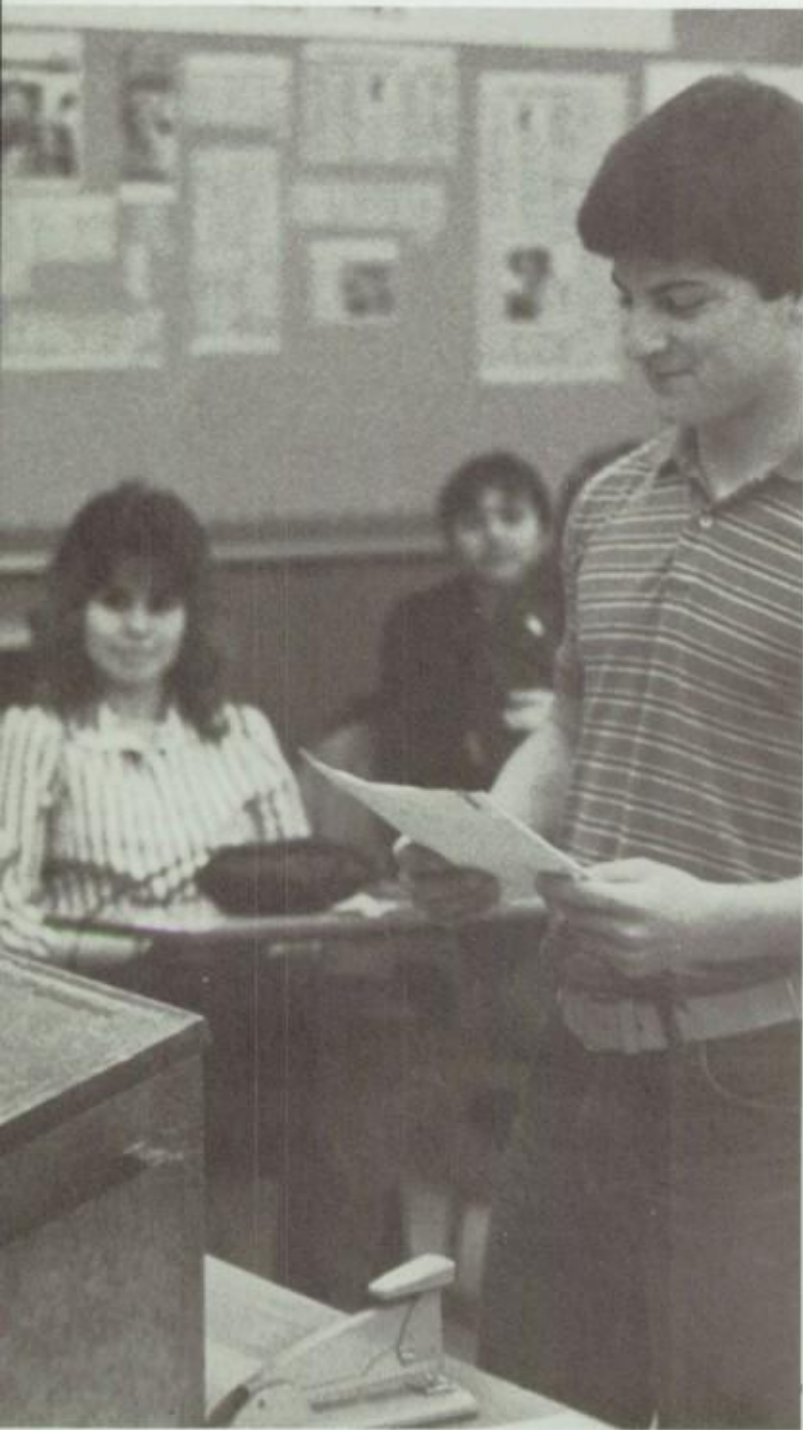


**Senior Class Officers:** Vice President Ron Lopes, Representative Lori Howell, Secretary Dianne McHale, Treasurer Dixie Westseyn and President Kashmir Gill.

**Senior Class Advisors:** Sharon Fowler, Julie Newburn, Megan Gowans, John Whitaker and Tony Pruitt.







**Objection, Your Honor!** Prosecuting Attorney Marcos Madrid cross-examines Rhonda Albright during the mock trial in their government class as Judge Darren Gilbert and jury member DeeAnn Hughes observe.



**"When's Disneyland?"** Attending one of the productive senior class meetings are Loren Dieu, Delia DeLaRosa, Donna DeSimone, Denise Ingram and Robert Berry.

**How Much Money?** Scott McKenzie decides to sign up for the annual senior Disneyland trip.

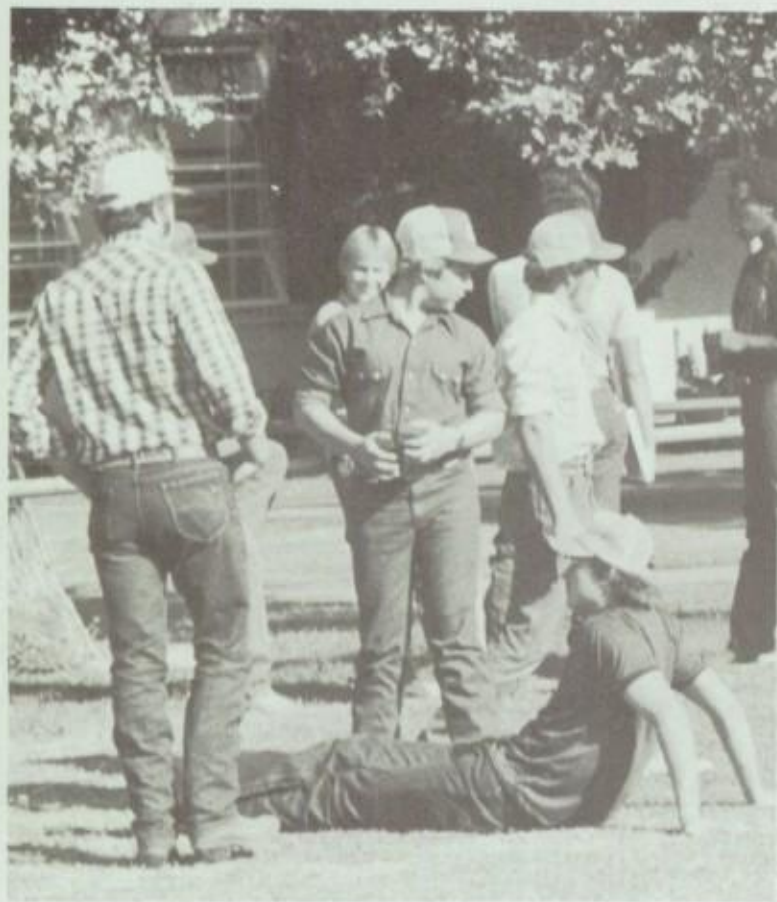


**Shakespearean Notes.** Masterpieces students Loree Oaks, Leslie Anglim, Cecilia Peral, Angie Clark and Rhonda Boone strive to take complete notes.

**"Seniors, Out of Sight!"** Displaying MHS pride, Dianne McHale, Lori Howell, Connie Dias and Eiko Akagi cheer on the Panthers.



**Breaktime Relaxation.** Seniors Trent Bellew and Jim Boer enjoy the courtyard scene along with underclassmen Manuel Azevedo and Matt Gisler.



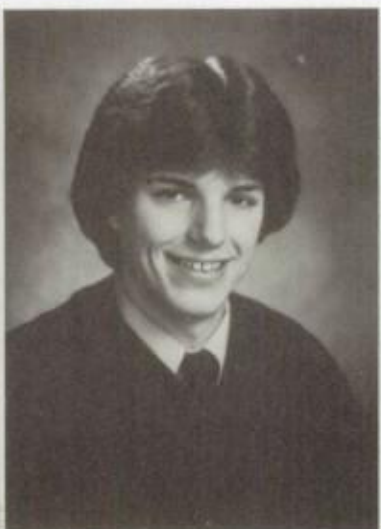
**Warren Burger, Thurgood Marshall** . . . Seniors Mike Nicholson, Dan Nava, Lucas Alberto and Richard Brunetti work laboriously on several different government assignments.



Sabrina Farris  
4.000



Ronald Lopes  
4.000



Sean Wani  
4.000



Dixie Weststeyn  
4.000  
Sharon Roberts  
3.806



Kashmir Gill  
3.974  
Michelle Simar  
3.789



## Hall of Fame for top GPAs

by Jaime Perez

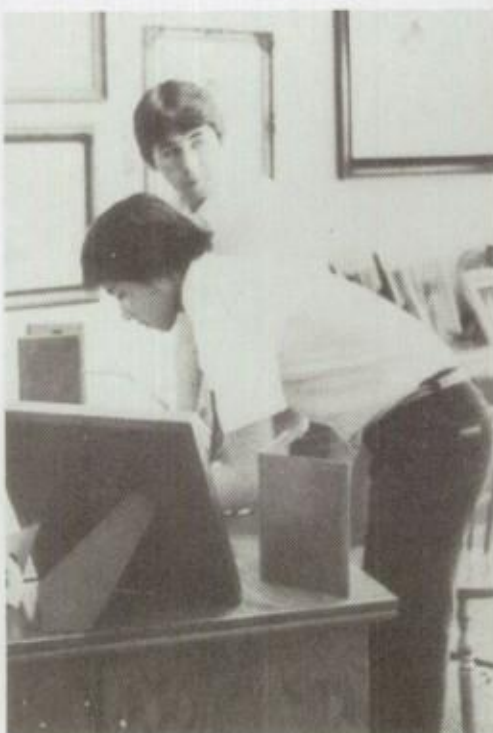
**F**eatured here are the class of 1984's fifteen seniors who achieved the highest GPAs. Four of these students achieved a perfect GPA of 4.0 for seven semesters. The other eleven students were not far behind, with near-perfect GPAs also.

To obtain their scholastic excellence, these students studied constantly, attended classes regularly, and consistently scored well on tests. While many other students were taking easy classes or just barely trying to pass, these students readily accepted the challenge which academic classes offered.

Of course, all of this work paid off in the end as the students were awarded valuable scholarships and certificates. Other honors included being nominated for **Who's Who Among American High School Students**, **The Society of Distinguished American High School Students**, **The United States Achievement Academy Awards**, and other honorary publications.

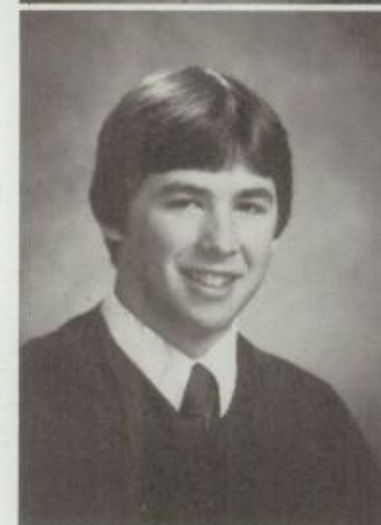
Because of all their honors and high academic achievements, these students can go to the college or university of their choice,

**Signing In.** Ready to pose, Sean Wani and Vince Furtado check in to The Studio to have their portraits taken.



whether within the University of California system, the California State University system, or an out-of-state college or university.

The Class of 1984 has one of the best academic classes MHS has ever produced, an indication that the faculty and administration do their best to further students' academic achievements. □

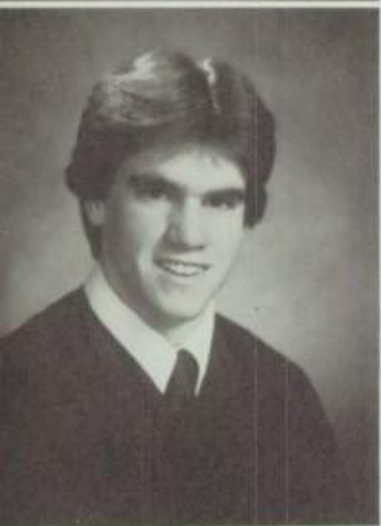


Tammy Rancour  
3.714  
Vincent Furtado  
3.667

Debra Harris  
3.692  
Donna DeSimone  
3.649



Connie Dias  
3.895  
Martin McCarthy  
3.775



Stephanie Heersink  
3.684  
Lauri Medeiros  
3.564

## Hard work in store for academic excellence

**Workaholic.** Diligently finishing her homework, Donna DeSimone does her government assignment in her free time.



by Jaime Perez

Saying that "attaining academic excellence is hard work" is an understatement. A lot of free time is given up by those people whose aim is good grades which could be more pleasurably spent doing social or extracurricular activities.

Some Hall of Fame Seniors were asked questions regarding the cost of academic excellence: 1. What is the hardest thing you found in striving to achieve academic excellence?

"Finding the time to sit down and study, and disciplining myself," said Tammy Rancour. Others agreed that self-discipline is the hardest part; "keeping the

nose to the grindstone" isn't ever easy, or much fun, it seems.

2. Is there anything you had to give up in order to maintain your academic excellence?

Lauri Medeiros replied, "Yes. I have given up time that could have been spent with friends and my family. Often I gave up doing fun things that I really wanted to do in order to have the necessary time for study."

3. How do you feel about being one of the top 15 academic students?

"I'm honored to be recognized as an academic student. Also, it is a good feeling to know that all the time put into school has resulted in such an honor," stated Martin McCarthy.



**E = MC...** Science majors Laurie Medeiros, Loren Dieu, and Martin McCarthy work on a speed experiment in physics.

**Author, Title, Page.** Gathering research for her Masterpieces term paper, Michelle Simar uses the library's resources.

**A Stitch In Time...** In home furnishings class, Sharon Roberts completes a vocational project.

4. What do you find most rewarding in achieving this?

Sharon Roberts answered, "It will help me to get into a good college or job, whichever I choose to do. Also, my mom and dad are very proud of me because I've accomplished what I set out to do."

Added Tammy Rancour, "I am honored at the recognition I am receiving from achieving this."

Future plans for each of the students varied. The common bond however, was the willingness of these students to apply themselves to whatever tasks they might undertake. □



Ofelia Aguilar

Rolando Aguilar

Miguel Aguirre

Victor Aguirre

Eiko Akagi



## High costs bring empty pockets

by Scott McKenzie

**D**uring the course of the senior year, students are confronted with staggering expenses. These expenditures can be extremely hard on both the students and their families.

For starters, there is an \$11 fee to take the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). That's not too bad, but then there are the senior portraits, which can easily cost \$145. College catalogs may cost up to \$10 each and college application fees average about \$30 each. Graduation announcements cost around \$7, while caps and gowns are \$10. By the time it's all added together, just the necessities can easily come to \$250.

"The senior year is by far the most expensive out of all your high school years, because of cap and gown, graduation announcements, and the Disneyland expenses. Even though it costs a lot, I think it's worth it," stated Jennifer Wells.

Commented Vince Furtado, "I think a lot of things are greatly overpriced, and all of these things really add up. But I want to graduate so I guess I'll pay it."

And then there are the extras. Let's face it, the final year of high school is supposed to be the best, and there are several special activities for seniors. The annual Senior Dinner Dance is only \$8 per person, but prom expenses can run up to \$150. Grad Night at Disneyland, which this year included a special Senior Blast-Off dinner, cost approximately \$65 plus spending

money, and for those who wanted a class ring, the cost could be anywhere between \$65 and \$175. The big event for seniors this year was the chance to go to Hawaii for eight days in June. That trip had a price tag of \$455 plus expenses.

Even though many seniors had part-time jobs, they were faced with the added expenses of gas and car insurance, plus other incidentals connected with their jobs. Thus, they found there wasn't much left over for their senior expenses, and their parents ended up footing the bill. "My advice to all future seniors is to start saving now," stated Stephanie Mattox, "because by the time it's their turn, the cost of being a senior will undoubtedly be more expensive." □



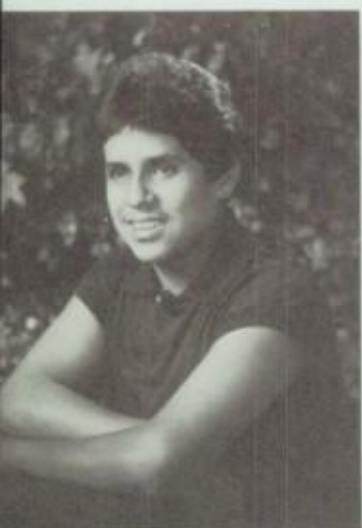
**"How Much?"** Monica Contreras orders her graduation announcements from Mark Stanley while Lucy Toste and Mary Yandell await their turn in line.

**"Decisions, Decisions."** Inquiring about the different styles and prices, Stephanie Mattox is shown a display of class rings by Mr. Ken Tibbetts at Bartoni Jewelers.

**Perfect Fit.** In anticipation of that special day, DeeAnn Hughes tries on her cap and gown.



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Adela Alvarez



Olga Alberto  
Lonnie Anderson



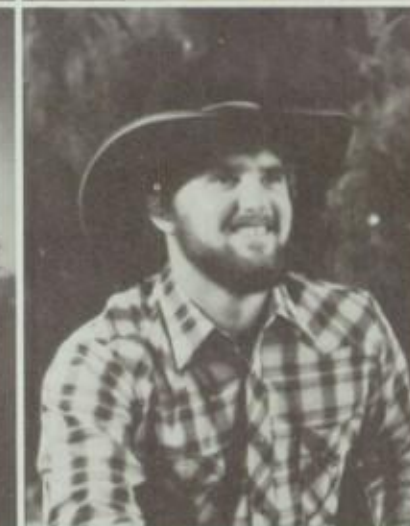
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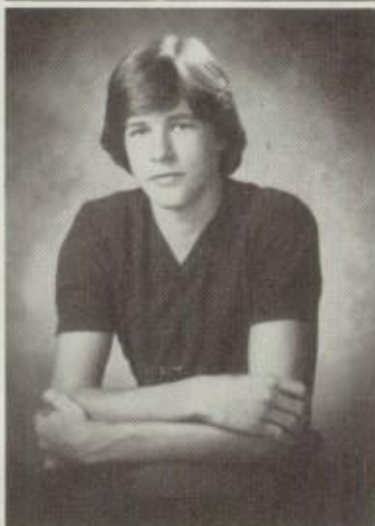
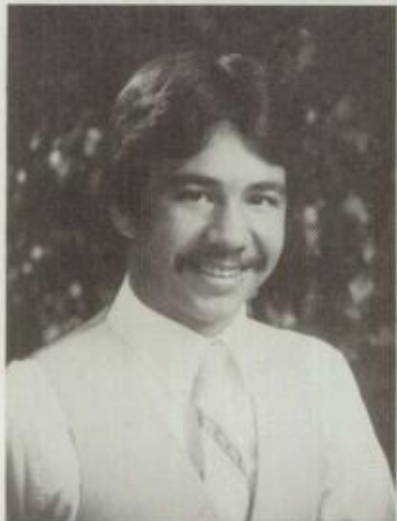
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Richard Brunetti



Soledad Bravo  
Jackie Bryant



Lora Bryant  
Kelly Calkins

Sheryl Burrow  
Robert Calton

Janna Caldwell  
Troy Campbell

Manuel Carrillo

Tony Carter

**Excuse-u-use Me!**  
Juan Farias writes a note to excuse his absence.

**This Is Gonna Be Fun!** During lunch, Jorge Dinis, José Garcia and Jimmy Vento enter their favorite noontime hangout, the Foxy Lady.



**Be All That You Can Be.** For many students, enlisting in the armed forces is an alternative to college.

**Very Important.** John Whitaker, in charge of student voter registration, points out important details to Sharon Roberts.



# Reaching the magic age of 18

by Ed Sclarini

"Boy, I can't wait 'til I'm 18!" This seems to be the popular sentiment for most young people. But those students polled who had already reached the "magic 18" didn't think it was all that great. They pointed out that being 18 makes one a legal adult and one must accept adult responsibilities. These include registering to vote and for the draft. People who do not register to vote suffer no consequence. 18 year old males who fail to register for the draft, however, suffer greatly. If they are not registered within 30 days after their 18th birthday, they face a heavy fine and/or jail term.

Also, 18 year-olds can be tried as adults in a court of law, not to mention that the public school system is not required to keep students enrolled past the age of 18. Most parents expect more from 18 year olds than the younger members of the family. They expect them to

help out around the house financially as well as with odd jobs.

But turning 18 has its advantages. You can open your own credit accounts and charge up a storm. Your car can now be registered in your own name, and if you are financially able, you can move out of your parents' home. If you feel you've found the "one and only," you can get married without your parents' consent. But— best of all— if you happen to miss a day or two or more of school, you can write your own excuses.

Here are some students' comments on being 18:

José Garcia: "Sometimes it's kind of a drag, but it's not that much different than it was before."

Rolando Aguilar: "It's great, man, it's great. You have a lot more freedom."

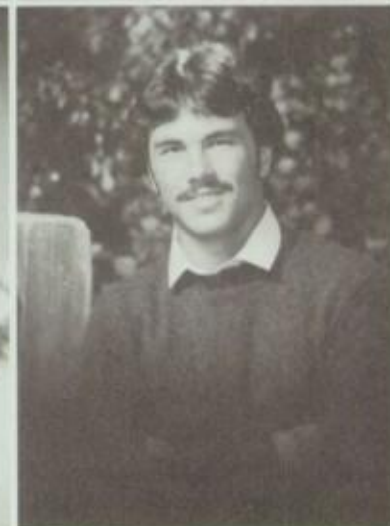
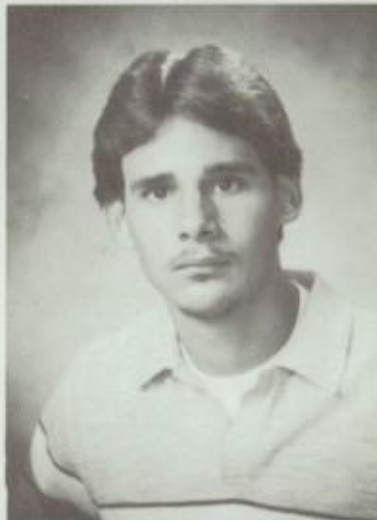
Danita Swinburg: "I'll still be 17 when I graduate, but I'm looking forward to being 18 because I'll have more freedom and I'll be out on my own."

Turning 18 can be the most exciting time of their lives for many students. For others, it is nothing more than another birthday. These students tend to look forward to turning 21, which is the legal drinking age. Whether they celebrate in a big way or enjoy just another birthday, all students agreed that it made them older but not necessarily wiser. □



Marjy Carver  
Jeffrey Charron

Phil Cearley  
Angie Clark



Sam Cousins

Sandra Cox

Marlena Crabtree

Gary Conchola  
Crystal Crowley

Monica Contreras  
Victor Curci



Chris Dallenbach  
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Rhonda Davis  
Jorge Dinis



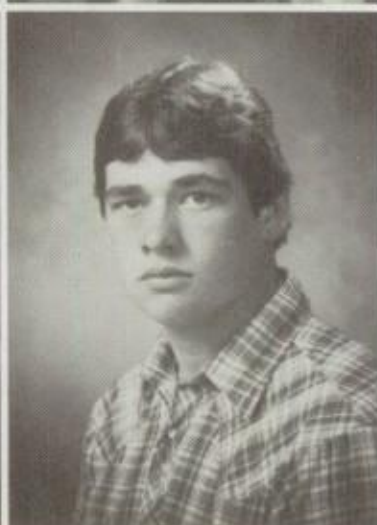
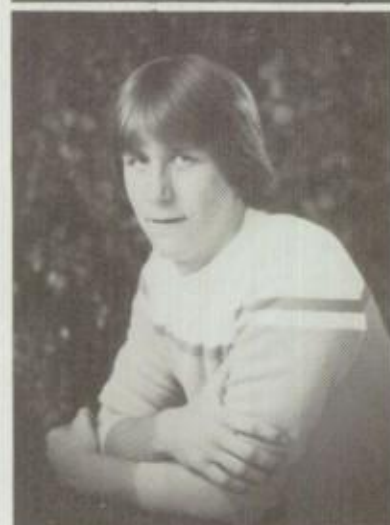
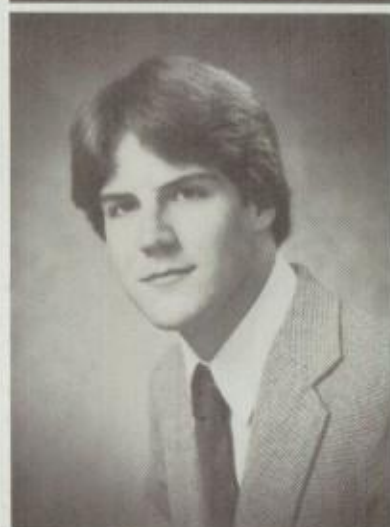
Donna DeSimone



Connie Dias



Lucy Dias



Ron Dixon  
Bobby Dollar

Dieu Do  
Leonard Donaldson

## 'Unique Panthers' in Senior Class

by Zusi Zuniga

While most students settle for a part time job at a fast food place or at the Vintage Faire, there are a few students roaming around campus who do unique things. They hope that these special activities will help them out in the future.

One of these Unique Panthers is Miguel Aguirre. He is involved in the Modesto Police Explorers. Basically, he rides with police officers on an eight hour shift. He works in the records office and he does undercover work, including helping with the "alcohol bust" which was reported in the local newspaper last winter. Miguel has been involved with this group for a little over a year and a half. After graduation he plans to go into the

army as a military policeman. The he plans to go to a police academy.

Anthony Presto is another Unique Panther. An honest-to-goodness disc jockey at 104 FM he works Wednesdays and Friday from 4-6 in the morning. He is voluntary training now, but know



**Feeling the 'Vibes'.** Senior Anthony Presto gets wild and crazy while taking over the controls at radio station Stereo 104 FM.

**"Hit Me With Your Best Shot!"** Denis Presley warms up for one of her powerful serves.

**"What About the Police Academy?"**



Delores Doty



Kelly Dunaway



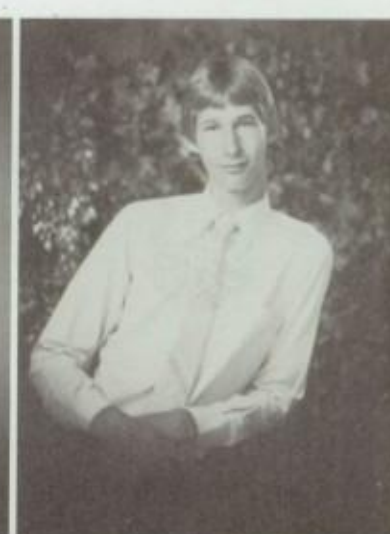
Ryan Dunscomb



Linette Dupire  
Juan Esparza



Ryan Edwards  
Armando Espinoza



## show wide variety of life styles

his job will give him experience for a career in the field of broadcasting. He said he was able to get this job through persistence and determination, with a little help from Mr. Willard Ripley, the auto shop teacher.

Also a unique individual, Denise Presley is ranked sixth in the nation in racquetball in her age group. Denise has been playing racquetball for three years and has been competing for a little over one year. In the summer of '83 she went to New York to compete in the Junior National Championships. She plac-

ed sixth in her age group. Denise practices from four to six hours almost every day. She is also a member of the state girls soccer team.

Jaime Perez has a highly unique situation for a young man; he maintains his own household. Jaime and his 19 year-old brother Efen have been living alone in their own house for almost two years. They pay their own bills and do their own cooking and cleaning. Jaime attends school for half the day, and then he goes to work at Eggers, a machine shop. He says he misses his parents, who are living in southern California, but likes living alone.

There are many more Unique Panthers roaming the halls of MHS, but many of us don't even know about them. Their rich diversity of experiences and interests help to make MHS pride and spirit a living tradition! □



Victor Aguirre discusses his future plans in law enforcement with Mrs. Streeter.

**Where's That Answer?** During break, Jaime Perez, one of the unique Panthers, works on his homework.



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Regina Fajardo

Mike Eyerly  
Sabrina Farris



Maria Fernandez  
Jaci Gaeden



Mark Fletcher  
José García



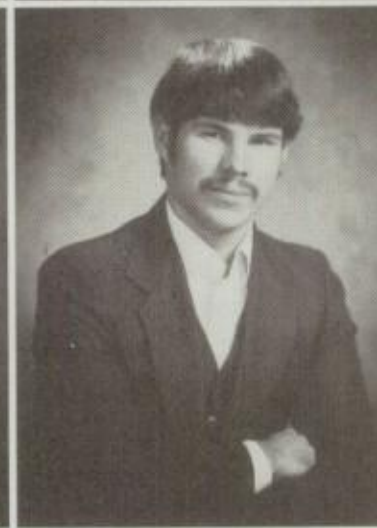
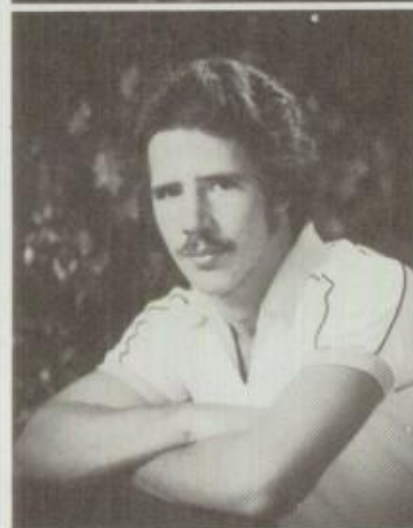
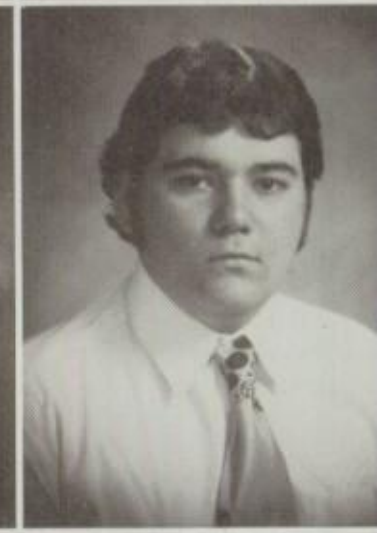
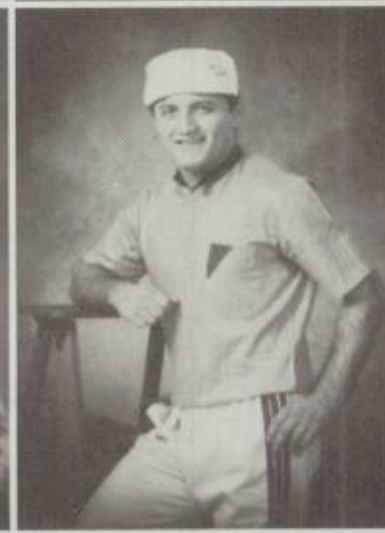
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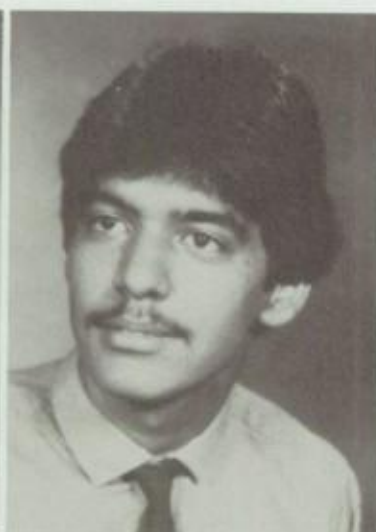
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Sam Gonzales



Alma Gonzalez



Tony Gonzalez



Robert Goodloe



Kim Grimes



Lucia Guerrero



**"Do We Haveta?"** Debating whether or not to go back to class, John Sprinkle and Joe Henriques sit in a pickup.



**In One Ear . . .** Not listening to her teacher, Kris Lee thinks of things she'd rather be doing.

**Gotcha!** During classtime, Mr. Jess Garcia catches William Bryant out of class.

## 'It can wait' a major HS disease

by Dutch Elinburg

**P**rocrastination is a disease that afflicts everyone at one time or another. Seniors however, seem to be especially susceptible. Also known as senioritis, procrastination is the art of putting things off until tomorrow.

Freshmen come to MHS all excited about high school. In the beginning, they buckle down and work hard to get good grades. But by the time they are sophomores, many of these students begin to slack off. But what can be expected? They see upperclassmen ditch, so they ditch. With this begins their life of procrastination.

It's easy for almost everyone to put things off. Many seniors admitted they were guilty of waiting for tomorrow. Some of the comments included:

Jorge Dinis: "I procrastinate all the

time, especially on Monday's homework."

Jake Weston: "I'll tell you tomorrow."

Robert Berry: "I always put stuff off, except on the weekends."

Some of the frequently offered excuses for procrastination are:

1. It's not due yet.
2. I work better under pressure.
3. It's too early in the day.
4. It's too late in the day.
5. I don't feel like doing it now.
6. It may be important, but it isn't urgent.
7. I really mean to do it, but I keep forgetting.
8. If I wait, somebody else may do it.

The tendency to procrastinate isn't something one is born with. It's a habit, and habits can be altered. How? The experts suggest that, for starters, one change his attitude toward difficult tasks and admit to himself that postponing them will not make them easier, and may actually create further problems and complications.

Ambition is the "flip side" to procrastination. Students realized they needed help in achieving their objectives. Their problem was how to become motivated. Each person must realize that anything is attainable and that the only thing blocking his way is his own apathy. A few students seem to have accomplished the trick of becoming self-starters, but for most seniors it was still "wait till the last minute." □





Tonya Gullatt  
Hellena Hannah



Carole Guyton  
Deborah Harris



Michele Haley



Stacy Hallford



Lisa Haney



Leroy Harris  
Lance Heinrich

Stephanie Heersink  
Don Heiny

## Five foreign exchange students

by Elko Akagi

**A**rare five exchange students were hosted at MHS; three in the senior class and two in the junior class. AFS sent a student from West Germany, Chris Luckhaus. YFU sent two students, Ilio Rodoni from Sweden, and Eiko Akagi from Japan. PAI (ILS) also sent two students from Japan, Set-suko Homma and Yoshie Hirai.

Their first impressions of MHS were varied. Some of them were impressed by the strong spirit as compared to their own schools. Some felt that MHS students were very friendly, and some just felt strange.

Although it was difficult for them to get used to English and the American teenagers' way of living at first, they soon started to join the various activities in and out of school such as sports, yearbook, clubs, and church choirs. At the same time, they made many friends.

They experienced many things which they don't find in their own countries. Some of them were impressed to see so many different ethnic groups in the same area. Most of them enjoyed going to football games, rallies, basketball games, etc. Holidays and celebrations were interesting, because they made them aware of cultural differences. For example, not everyone in Japan celebrates Christmas. It was fun for the three Japanese students to learn what Christmas means to Americans and how they celebrate it.

All of the fine students are planning to go to college after they return to their countries. They enjoyed this school year and agree that it would be an unforgettable one.



**Worth a Thousand Words.** Ilio Rodoni works on a drawing for his art class.





Joe Henriques



Paul Henry



Ron Hill  
Setsuko Homma



Crystal Hodges  
John Howard



Linda Hoke  
Lori Howell



**Did You Get My Pictures?** Eiko Akagi consults with Chris Luckhaus to get the right pictures for their year-book spread.



**Foreign Exchange Students, front row:** Illo Rodoni, Chris Luckhaus. **top row:** Eiko Akagi, Setsuko Homma, Yoshie Hirai.

**Concentration is the Key.** Setsuko Homma returns a volley during tennis practice.



Jolene Howser  
Denise Ingram

DeeAnn Hughes  
Lynette Ingram

Margarita Hurtado  
Jannee Jackson



Neil Jackson  
Marlene Jarvis



Kim James  
Eddie Jimenez



Ricky Kessie  
John Klink

Pam Ketchum  
Carol Krueger

## Keeping up with deadlines is no

by Kashmir Gill

**A**s the "clock" of senior schedules ticked away with just a few minutes remaining, many seniors rushed to meet their various deadlines, deadlines that seemingly popped up from nowhere to bring a temporary panic to the poor rushed victims of senioritis.

For college-bound seniors, one of the most important deadlines was registering for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Achievement Tests. Although the tests were given many times throughout the year, major universities recommended the tests be taken no later than December. The registration deadline was approximately six weeks prior to the test date.

Adding to their headaches, there was also an application deadline for college and university enrollment for the 1984-85 school year. Most state colleges and universities set their deadline at

November 30, 1983. It was hard to begin planning for college that early in the year, especially when most students were still getting used to the idea of being seniors.

Those who were interested in seeking financial aid in order to attend college had to complete the Student Aid Application by February 9th. Along with this, many local and regional scholarship applications had to be completed by the date set by the various associations.

More excitement was involved in meeting the deadlines for the miscellaneous activities which accompanied the senior year. There was a deadline for the deposit for Grad-Night, senior portraits, fundraisers, and orders of class rings, caps and gowns, and announcements.

It was indeed a very hectic and busy year for the seniors. But judging from the high spirit and smiles it wasn't enough to get them down.

**Let Your Fingers do the Walking.** Lauri Medeiros pinpoints deadlines pertaining to her application.



Kristin Lee

Melinda Lee

Ken Leer



# always easy

Commented Dixie Weststeyn, "I always heard seniors complain about deadlines, but I never realized until this year how many there were. Although I am a great procrastinator, I managed to complete everything on time (sometimes within minutes of the deadlines!)."

Juniors are well advised to start preparing a timetable for their senior year in order to get everything done on schedule. "If you are to get anywhere in this world, you've got to stay on your toes and meet all the deadlines. It's really hard, and it seems to keep you busy all the time, but it's worth it in the end," said Debbie Harris. □



**When Is This Due?** In the counseling office, seniors Martin McCarthy and Loren Dieu share a piece of valuable information.

**"That'll Be . . ."** Senior Anna Miller waits for her receipt after paying for her graduation announcements.

**So Soon!** Marcos Madrid tries to locate the next deadline which fits into his schedule.

Shellie Legler  
Ron Lopes



Susan Looper  
David Lopez



Christian Luckhaus

Debbie Macedo

Lee Machado

Esther Lopez  
Ramona Mackri

Andrea Love  
Laura MacPhetridge



# Getting 'the old bod' in shape

by Dianne McHale

"Being in good shape and healthy condition is important. It makes you feel better about yourself," stated Kris Lee, who strongly favors staying trim and fit.

The popularity of diet and exercise continued to be on the rise. Best-selling books on the subject by such stars as Victoria Principal, Linda Evans, and Arnold Schwarzenegger have made the public more aware of the importance of a healthy body and good eating habits.

Seniors in high school are most influenced by diet and exercise fads. With summer rapidly approaching and college in the fall, they wanted to look and feel good about what lay ahead in the future. Other students also joined the "health craze." The enrollment in most PE classes increased, and health foods such as gorp (pretzels, nuts and raisins), yogurt, oranges and apples were frequently purchased at the snack bar.

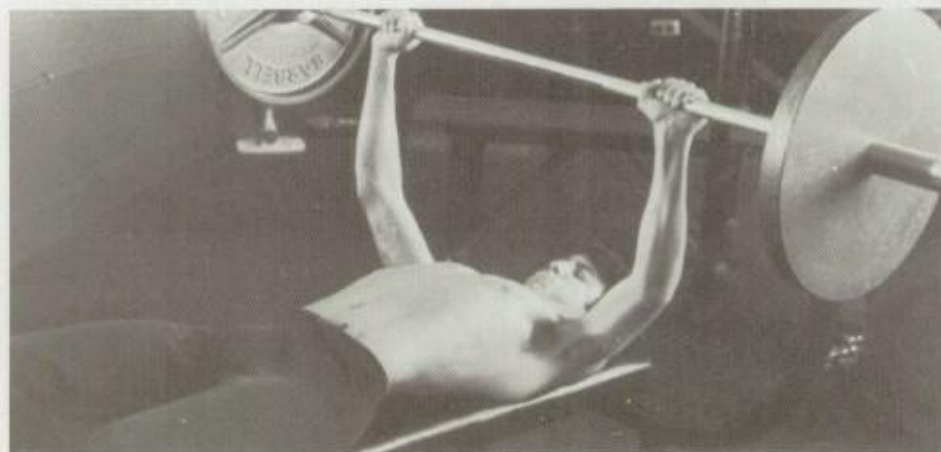
Some students joined city league teams or formed small competitive groups in their neighborhoods. For many students who did not have much free time, playing basketball with friends provided a fun way to get exercise.

Aerobics and slimnastics were common pastimes for girls. Either done by oneself or with friends, aerobic exercising is a mixture of various exercises and dance steps

performed to the beat of popular music. For the guys, gyms provided the best source of exercise. Many joined places like Roberts' Health Club or the Fitness Institute. At these places, helpful instructors and nutritional plans were provided in order to achieve the best results.

Diets were extremely popular, with a variety of methods for losing weight. Some people took diet pills or powders; others went on crash diets. Students soon realized that the best way to diet was to eat sensibly and exercise.

Students' attitudes are changing and their weight consciousness is increasing. Most understand that exercise is important, but should be done in moderation and under professional care, so as not to cause unnecessary health problems. They know from experience that it takes guts, grit and determination to lose those unsightly extra pounds. □



**Make It Count!** Abbye Williams keeps in shape with an exhilarating game of volleyball.

**It Does a Body Good.** Striving to become fit the natural way, Rhonda Boone relaxes with a refreshing carton of milk.

**Bulgin' Muscles.** During a PE class, Mike Goncalves lifts weights to attain a healthy body.



Dan Maddox



Ron Maddox



Marcos Madrid



Veronica Madrigal



Jaime Magaña



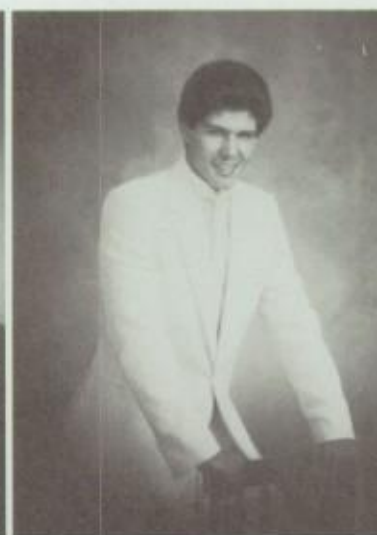
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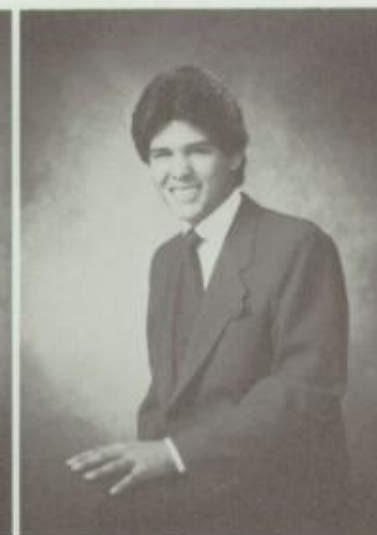
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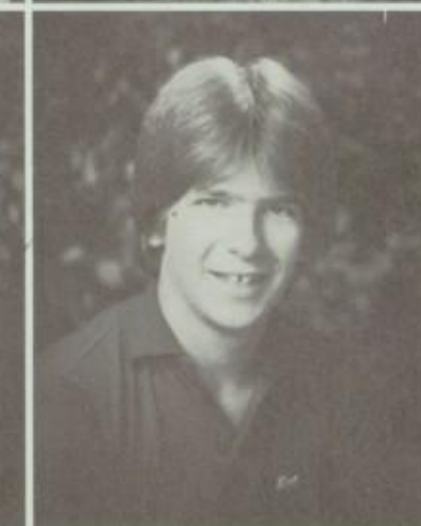
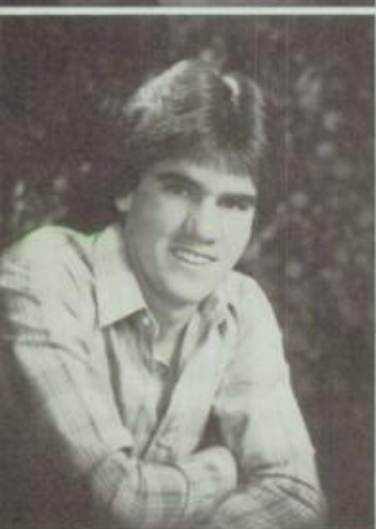
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Jerry Miller  
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Brian Nicholson  
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Mike Nicholson  
Brian Oreglia



Stacey Norsworthy



Loree Oaks



Gabriel Pacheco  
Keith Parker

Julie Page  
Theodosia Parker

Charles Parker  
Geri Peek

**Do You Have Any Questions?** Listening carefully to a representative from Humphrey's College are students Nichelle Smith and Becky Bartoo.



**Decisions, Decisions.** Senior Deborah Thompson looks carefully for the room at MJC where she is to sign up for her classes.

**What's Up?** Attentively, Debby Harris listens to college counselor Sherri King as she explains how to fill out scholarship applications.



Raul Peña

Cecilia Peral

Jaime Perez

José Piñeda  
Tina Prado

Edna Polk  
Denise Presley



## Taking the college route to a successful future career

by Stephanie Frazier

One of the most commonly asked questions of seniors is whether or not they plan to continue their education by attending college. Many students feel college is a very important asset in acquiring a financially secure future.

Nowadays, many jobs require more than a high school diploma. For this reason, seniors go on to pursue a college education. Because four year colleges and universities generally offer a wider range of courses and majors, many students feel they will receive a more up-to-date education there. They feel the professors at colleges will give them an edge in the outside world.

Selecting a college involves choosing a suitable location, figur-

ing out how far away you want to go, finding one that offers a good department that involves your major, and carefully considering the funds available for your education.

Among the people asked, answers varied according to students' reasons for attending college. All had one thing in common; they were concerned with furthering their education in order to get ahead in life. Here are some of the responses:

Ron Lopes: "I feel a college education is essential when considering the future goals that I have set for myself."

Kashmir Gill: "An education is important to acquire a better perspective in life. Also, it will help me to fulfill my dreams and ambitions."

Sean Wani: "I am going to college to prepare for a career for the future and also to meet a lot of exciting people."

Kim James: "I want to be intellectually enlightened and expand my horizons."

Denise Presley: "It's really difficult to get anywhere in a job or career without a college education."

Those who feel they are not prepared to go directly to a four-year college often go to Modesto Junior College. It is a logical alternative for many students who attend until they are ready to graduate or transfer. MJC also gives students vocational skills which are needed in the job market. □



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Robert Estrada, Jr.

Carolyn Puricelli  
Carla Jarvis





Dino Quinn  
Tammy Rancour



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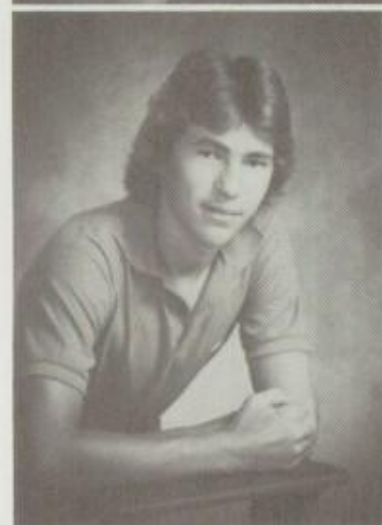
Arcelia Quintero



Becky Ramirez



Patricia Ramos



Tony Reis  
Refugio Rivera

Maria Rivera  
Sharon Roberts

## Many seniors choosing full-time

by Rhonda Albright

**T**here are many seniors who opt for full-time jobs rather than college after they graduate. These students feel they can best continue their education within their intended job fields, with the help of experienced employers and co-workers.

Some graduates consider college an unnecessary waste of time which could be used instead to gain valuable experience working in a full-time job. They feel they would learn to be more mature and accept adult responsibilities more

readily if they didn't delay their start in the adult world.

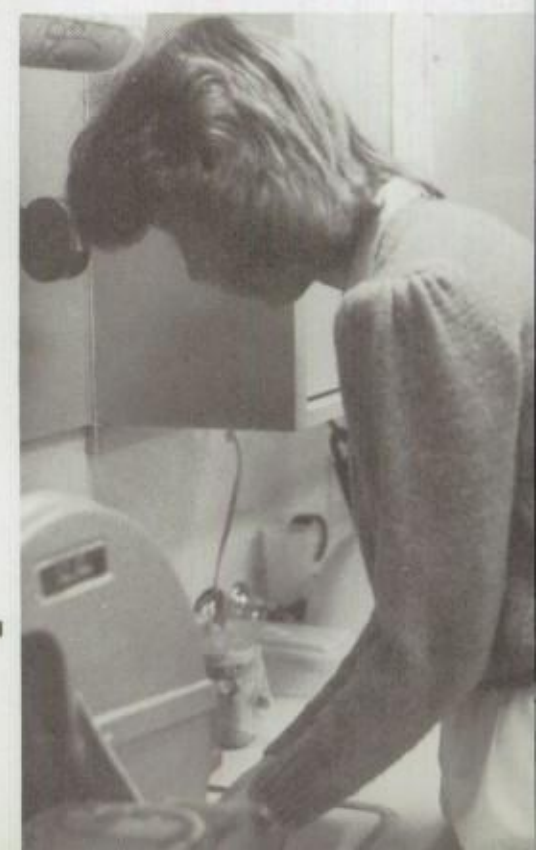
Mr. Manuel Palazuelos, Career Center director, helps many students acquire full-time jobs ranging from bookkeeping to grocery bagging to department store sales clerking. If they do well, students may eventually work themselves up to a management position.



**Is This Correct?** Puzzled, advanced marketing student Mike Baker asks for assistance from his boss, Danny Robinson.

**Check, Check, Check.** Senior Inez Sullivan checks her photography list at Olan.

**Scrubbing Away.** Orthodontic assistant Geri Peek prepares for another patient.





Ilio Rodoni



Manuel Rosales



Rita Rosas



Sherry Rose  
Anita Sabala



Darren Ruskamp  
Angie Saenz



## Jobs instead of going to college

There are also seniors who view the armed forces as an excellent alternative to attending college. From the four choices of army, navy, air force and marines, students can choose their desired field. Stated Robert Berry, "I might go into the marines. I don't need to go to college 'cause I'm already smart enough!"

Some seniors find that they would rather have a full-time job along with a family after graduation. They believe starting to lead an adult life immediately after high school is the best thing for them. They find the solution is marriage and having children. Senior Mary Sandell has begun her own family, and states, "Being married can be an interesting and fun experience,

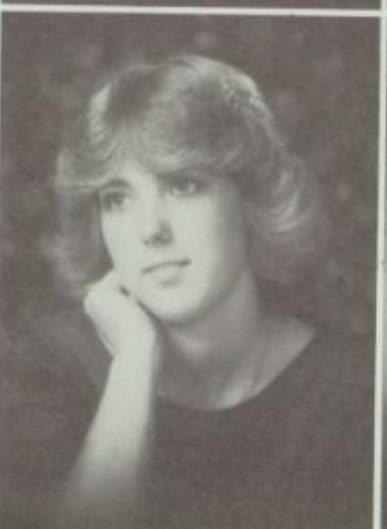
but it also takes a lot of time and patience in order to make the marriage work. Marriage is a lifetime commitment and is something that should not be entered into without a great deal of thought."

Seniors who decide not to continue their schooling usually do so for a simple reason. They feel they have had enough of school after twelve years. Even some students with respectable GPA's or athletic skills decide not to go on to college. They find it hard to continue going to school after finding their perfect full-time job. Geri Peek, a receptionist for an orthodontist, summed it up well when she stated, "School has been a lot of fun, but I'm ready to start a career." □



**Working Away.** Bagger José Piñeda collects more carts for O'Brien's Market.

**Dear Mr. Jones . . .** Receptionist Jolene Howser starts to type a business letter.



David Scarborough  
Samantha Senseney

Jason Searl  
John Shaw



Lucia Siañez  
Michelle Simar



Sandra Sickert  
Art Sisneroz



Darryl Sligar  
Terri Speaks

Mark Smith  
Charlotte Stalcup

## Superstition: the 'fact' in fiction

by Lori Howell

**A**s children we tried not to step on the cracks in the sidewalk so we wouldn't break our mothers' backs. We also tried to avoid black cats, wearing hats in the house, walking under ladders, and opening an umbrella indoors. Superstitions are illogical or unreasonable fears of the unknown, or beliefs in magic or witchcraft. For some people they are nothing but silly traditions from the past, but for others, following superstitions dictates the course of their daily lives.

Superstitions vary widely, from the common notion that breaking a mirror causes seven years of bad luck to the extreme belief that one shouldn't step off of a curb with one's left foot. The reasoning behind some superstitions is irrational, while others may actually be logical even though unproven. No matter what the reasoning, superstitions are all around us. For instance, hotels and other large buildings never have a 13th floor or room 13 because too many people believe the number is unlucky.

This school year gave us two "Friday the 13ths." On the first one in January, the side of Mr. Wayne McGhee's truck was smashed. This was probably only one of the many unfortunate accidents that occurred on this supposedly unlucky day.

Not all MHS students believe in superstitions. Those that do feel it's OK to have them as long as

they are not too far out. Here are a few comments:

Tina Prado: "I think everyone can be a little superstitious, just as long as they don't let it run their lives."

Gabriel Pacheco: "I don't believe in superstitions. The people who believe in them do not have all the facts. Superstitions show man's ignorance."

Olga Alberto: "I know some people who are superstitious, but I feel there is no reason for it. They shouldn't run their way of living!"

Kelly Calkins: "I believe that if you are irrational, people will think you are weird."

Rick Kessie: "Superstition is for those of us who need something to blame life's problems on. I don't believe in superstition."

Although superstitions are a silly diversion or waste of time to many people, to others they are real-life "facts" to explain the coincidences in their daily lives.

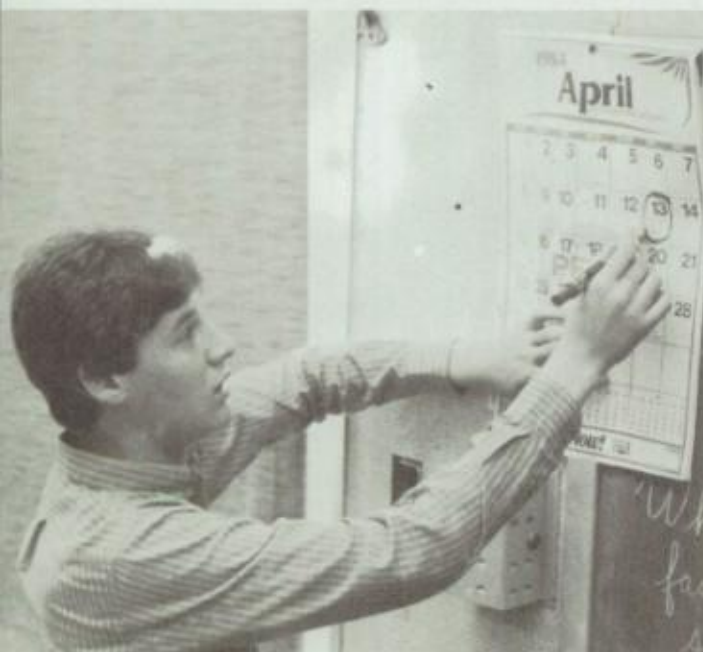


Shannon Stamm

Curtis Starkey

Janet Strickland





**See Any Black Cats?** Walking under ladders doesn't scare sophomore Darren Jenkins.

**I'm Not Coming Then!** Senior Joey Henriques superstitiously circles Friday the 13th.

**Is It Working?** Challenging superstition, Sandra Contreras bravely opens her umbrella indoors.

Inez Sullivan  
Becky Tellez



Danita Swinburg  
Lori Thomas



Darren Teeples  
Tina Thomas



Mike Toso

Dorothy Trammell

Bill Thompson  
Rick Trevino

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Roger Van Klaveren  
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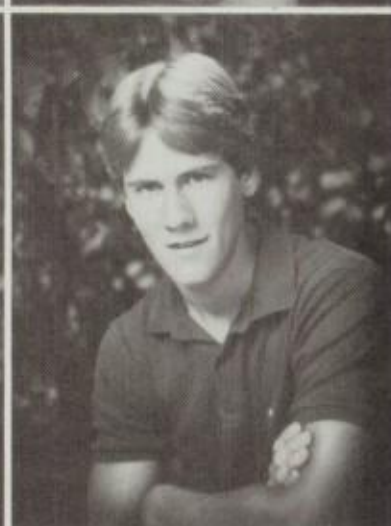
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Sean Wani



Daniel Vera  
SueAnn Welch



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Tammy Westfall  
Shanin White

Dixie Weststeyn  
Randy Whitehead

Angie Wheeler  
Carla Wild

Laura Wheeler  
Patricia Williams

Rod Wheeler  
Stefanie Wood





**Cramming For A Test.** Seniors Lonnie Anderson and Carolyn Puricelli use their lunch time to cram for a sixth period test.



**Let's Talk.** Discussing the events of the day, Seniors Loren Dieu and Debbie Harris chat over lunch.

**Burger Time!** Chomping on some whoppers, Vince Martinez and Donnie Burrelli watch in amazement as Mike Goncalves stuffs down a burger.



## Lunchtime: 'Where's the beef?'

by Jacy Lee

**B**urger King? Taco Bell? McDonald's? Seniors don't go to these places unless they have a car. What do those who don't have cars do? What else? Find someone with a car. But there were some who didn't work fast enough so they got left behind. Those are the seniors focused on here.

What is it like to be a senior who stays at school for lunch? Where can you go on foot within the Modesto High vicinity? These are all pertinent questions, especially since being a senior is tough enough without having your friends leave you behind at lunch time. So there you are wondering where to go for a good nourishing lunch.

Well, actually there are eight choices, but only six are within easy walking distance. Smokehouse Express, Sam's Sandwich Shop, Leo's Market, Cassaza's Deli,

and Lee Sang's Market are all east of the campus and close enough to walk to and get back with time to spare. The Mexican Meat Market, located just west of the campus, was also close enough to get back before sixth period began. Two other places required a lot of walking and were not recommended unless you left exactly at 11:40: Paradise Drive-In and Pioneer Chicken. They were known as "eat and run" places because you had to eat and run back to the campus.

If you preferred to stay on campus, you could bring your own lunch and eat it on the campus green. Another place to eat was the cafeteria, which expanded its menu to include numerous popular short-order items, such as nachos, hot and cold sandwiches, yogurt, and cookies. Anthony Matthews said, "I go to the cafeteria for lunch, because it's not as expensive as stores and fast food places."

Those who weren't hungry could be seen in the library studying or using their lunch time to just sit back and catch some rays or a bit of shut eye. If catching a quick nap was not their cup of tea, walking the campus or standing around suited some of them even better. "I enjoy hanging around in the halls at lunch and talking to my friends," confided Susie Beckwith.

Although it was undoubtedly safer to stay on campus than fight the lunch hour traffic, seniors still preferred going out to eat. □



Roger Wright



Ivan Wyeth



Mary Yandell



Delores Zaplen



Zusi Zuniga



# Faculty recognizes seniors for outstanding accomplishments

by Hugo Vera

**A**mong the student body there are always those who stand out as above-average students. If we pick the most superior individuals from the above-average group, we will have a small and accurate grouping of those who have continually proved to be the most capable and hardworking students throughout their four-year terms. "These awards give the faculty an excellent opportunity to recognize the contributions of outstanding seniors," said Mr. Jack Sample, chairman of the Social Science Department.

The 1984 Department Outstanding Seniors were chosen by faculty members who felt that these individuals excelled in all aspects of their particular fields. And, indeed, being chosen outstanding, whether it be academically, artistically, or athletically, was a very hard task to accomplish. Many hours which would otherwise have been free

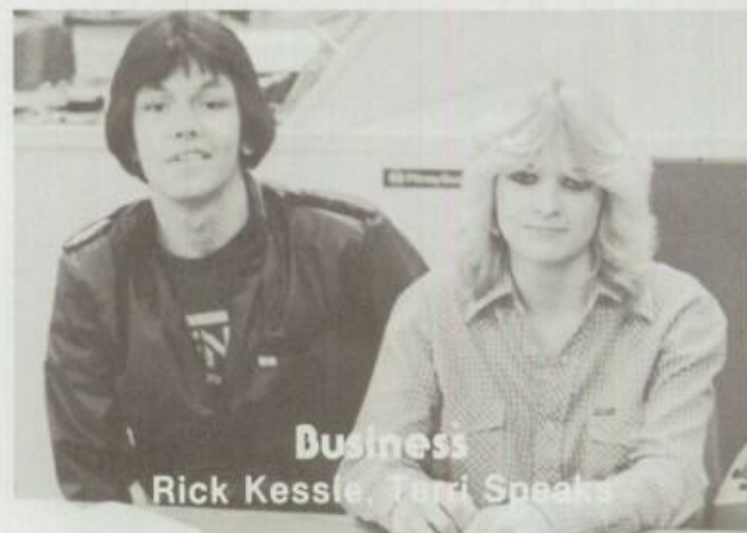
had to be spent studying and/or practicing in order to be part of this superior group.

The faculty members who participated in the selection of these students were aware that to narrow the choice down to two persons was difficult, since there were many likely candidates for this recognition. Said Mr. James Autry, co-chairman of the English Department, "I feel there are too many people who are outstanding in too many different ways to make an easy choice. I think the whole class of 1984 is outstanding."

Outstanding seniors should be and were highly admired for their hard work and determination. These students made up our educated society, and set examples and goals for the underclassmen. For their hard work and sincere dedication, the Sycamore offers these pages to the Department Outstanding Seniors of the Class of 1984. □



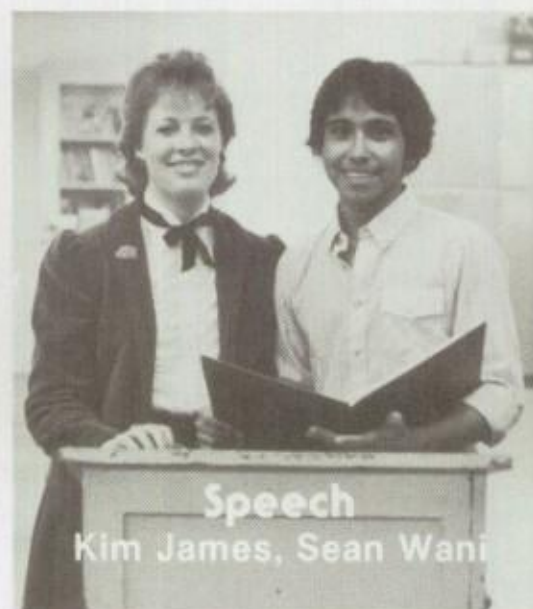
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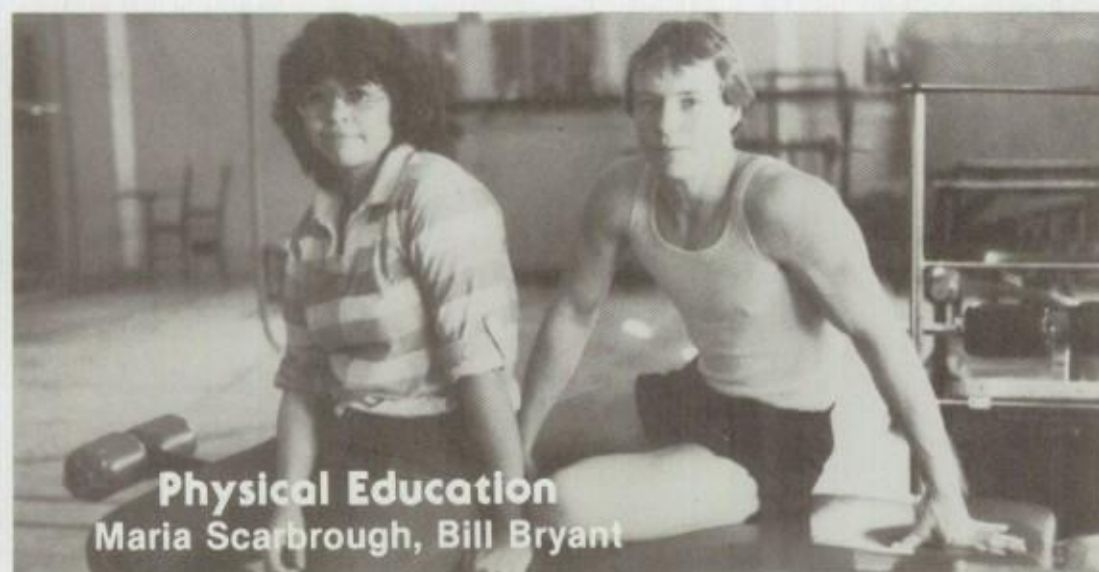
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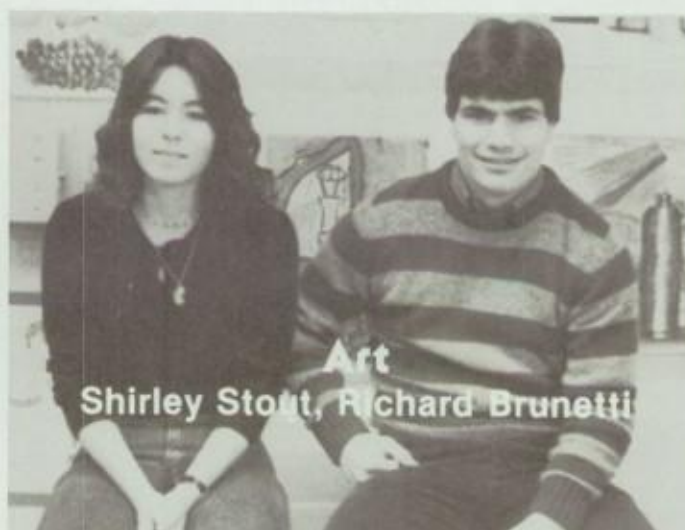




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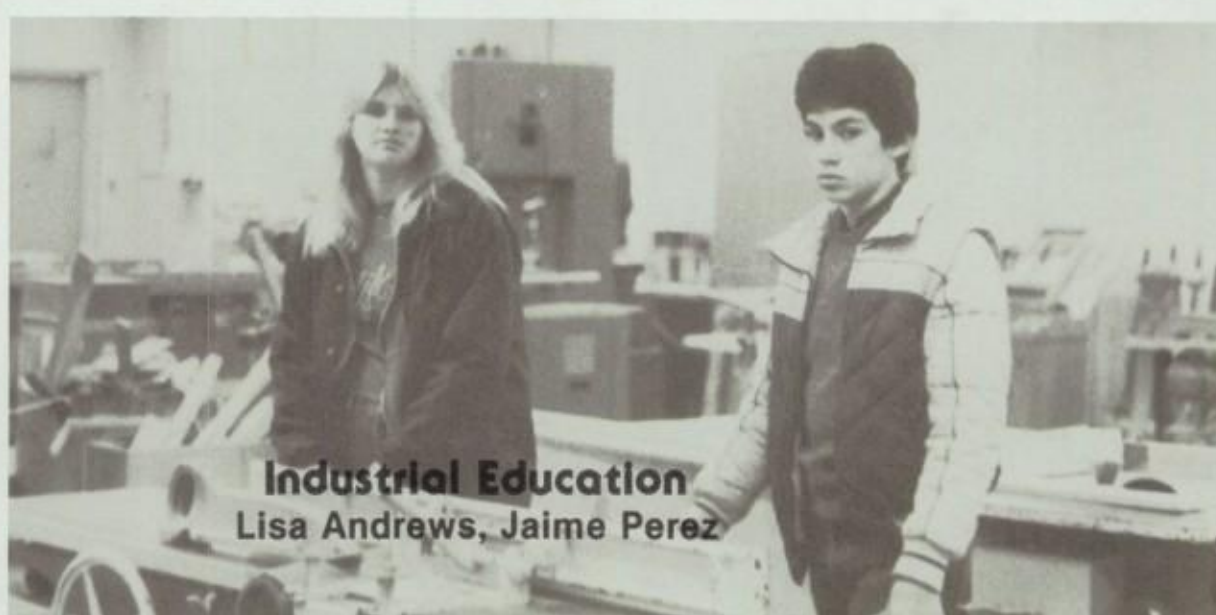
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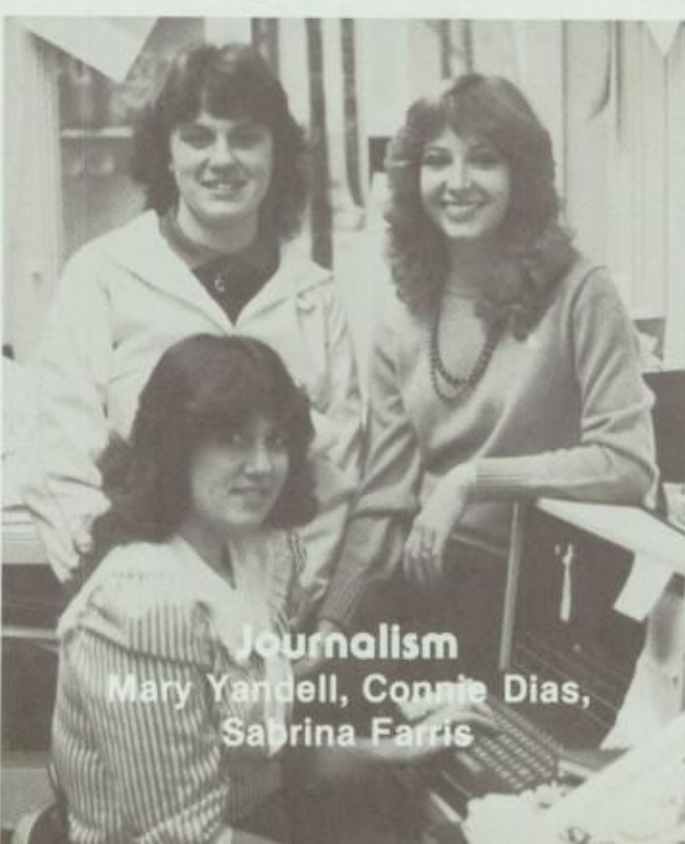
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Vince Furtado



**Industrial Education**  
Lisa Andrews, Jaime Perez



**English**  
Connie Dias, Dixie Weststeyn



**Journalism**  
Mary Yandell, Connie Dias,  
Sabrina Farris



# Who's Who in the Class of 1984

by Connie Dias

The Sycamore is proud to again include a section of outstanding seniors from MHS. Faculty members nominated 39 members of the Class of 1984 whom they felt were the most deserving of recognition. A committee of faculty and administrators then made the final selection of the twelve outstanding students included here, using as their criteria such qualities as leadership, maturity, academic performance, service, and extra-curricular participation. □



Kim James

## Donna DeSimone

The Arts have played a major role in Donna's four years at MHS. One of the outstanding art students on campus, she has been a member of the Art Club since her sophomore year, and in her senior year was its president. In music Donna was a member of the school Orchestra, where she played the violin for four years. She was also involved in Dance Production since her sophomore year.

She did well academically, earning a GPA of 3.649, and made the honor roll all four years. Donna was also very spirited, participating in rally all four years. In her senior year she was fall rally commissioner and spring varsity yell leader.

## Connie Dias

Described by her teachers as always being ready to pursue any task, very mature and hardworking, Connie has consistently done well academically.



Sabrina Farris



Kashmir Gill



Dixie Weststeyn and Ron Lopes

A life member of CSF, she has been on the straight A honor roll since her sophomore year. In her senior year she was student body secretary, CSF secretary-treasurer, and assistant editor of the yearbook, where she spent most of her free time. In the Career Club since her freshman year and the Quill & Scroll Society since her sophomore year, Connie has had Outstanding Citizenship all four years. She has also been a participant in the Academic Decathlon.

Connie's honors include being listed in **Who's Who Among American High School Students** and **The Society of Distinguished American High School Students** since her junior year. In her senior year she was listed in the National Honor Roll and won a **US National Journalism Award** and a **National English Merit Award**.

## Sabrina Farris

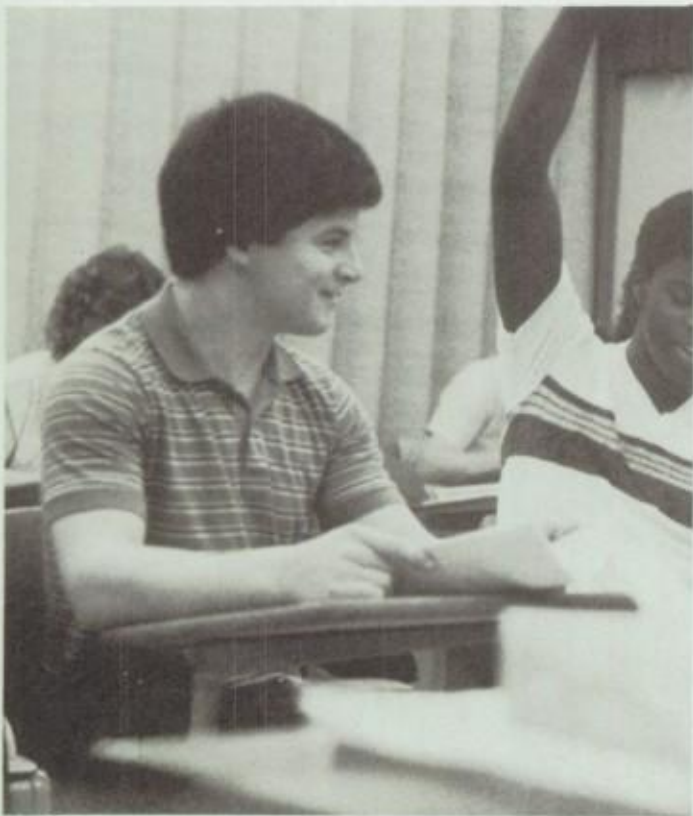
Actively involved in numerous extracurricular activities, Sabrina's leadership qualities earned her a top spot in almost everything she did.

Very active in student government, Sabrina was the class representative in her freshman and sophomore years. In her junior year she was class president, and in her senior year she was student body vice president.

Other positions of leadership Sabrina has held at MHS are editor of the yearbook, rally commissioner, drum major for the marching band, head songleader, and vice president of CSF, where she is a life member.

Her GPA of 4.0 makes Sabrina one of the top students in her class. She was a member of the French Club for three years and participated in girls track and softball. She was a member of the Quill & Scroll Society since her sophomore year. Active in music, Sabrina was a member of the Pep Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Winterguard, and Dance Production. Her biography has also been published in **Who's Who in Music, Business, and Among American High School Students**, and she received a **US National Journalism Award**.





Marcos Madrid



Camilla Tillmon



Deborah Harris



Sean Wani



Laurie Medeiros



Donna DeSimone



Connie Dias

### Kashmir Gill

With her 3.974 GPA, Kashmir is also one of the top honors students. A life member of CSF, she has been on the straight A honor roll for six semesters, and has had Outstanding Citizenship all four years.

She was typesetter for the newspaper and yearbook and a member of the Quill & Scroll Society. She has participated in the Math Superbowl and Academic Decathlon. She has received awards for outstanding freshman student, perfect attendance, social science, English, science and business.

In student government, Kashmir has been on the student council, senior class president, and president of CSF. She has also been a member of the Math Club, Business Club, and a delegate to Girls State.

Kashmir has won a **US National Journalism Award** and a **National Merit English Award** and is listed in **Who's Who**, **The Society of Distinguished American High School Students**, and **The United States Achievement**

### Academy (Business).

### Deborah Harris

Although new to MHS this year, Debby was an honors student, earning a GPA of 3.692 in her four years of high school. She has been involved in the GATE program, has been on the honor roll, and is a member of CSF.

Active in the Marching Band and Colorguard, Debby received the Most Improved Flag award. She was also an active member of the Math, German, and French Clubs.

Considered an academic leader by her teachers, she was the editor of the newly revived literary magazine, **Sycamore Leaves**, and was nominated for membership in the Quill & Scroll Society. Her biography has appeared in **Who's Who Among American High School Students**, and she has won a **US National Journalism Award**.

### Kim James

Kim has been a member of AFS, French and German Clubs, and CSF, while maintain-

ing a GPA of 3.526. She has also been on the honor roll since her freshman year.

An active member of the competitive speech and debate team, Kim has won numerous awards. In her junior year she was the NFL's secretary-treasurer. She has been a member of the Marching and Concert Bands for four years. In her senior year she was a reporter for the yearbook, and a member of the Quill & Scroll Society.

Kim was a participant in the Academic Decathlon and was a nominee for the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp in her junior year. She is also listed in the **Who's Who Among American High Schools**.

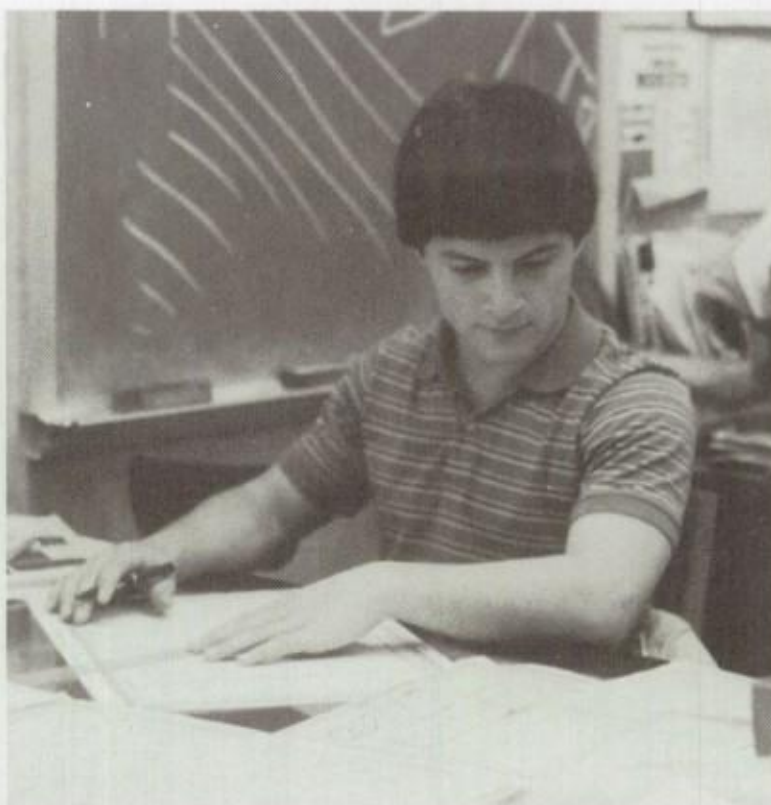
### Ron Lopes

A life member of CSF and a member of the GATE program, Ron has received outstanding achievement awards in English, science and social science. He has been a member of the NFL since his sophomore year when he received an outstanding novice award.





Ron Lopes



Marcos Madrid



Dixie Weststeyn



Laurie Medeiros



Kim James



Donna DeSimone

A member of the Marching and Concert Bands all four years, Ron has been the mellophone section leader since his sophomore year. He has also been involved in the Pep Band and Jazz Band, and was a band council representative.

Ron was the vice president of the senior class, elections commissioner, and representative to the Inter-High Council. A four year Math Club member, he was its treasurer in his senior year. He was involved in yearbook as a reporter, and was a member of the Quill & Scroll Society. With a 4.0 GPA, Ron was nominated as a delegate to Boys' State.

He was also a member of **Who's Who**, **The Society of Distinguished American High School Students**, and received **The American Musical Foundation Band Honors Award**.

### Marcos Madrid

A very athletic person, Marcos has been a member of the football team since his freshman year, when he also played basketball. In

baseball that year he received the Most Improved Player award. He has been on the wrestling team for the last two years, and in his junior year received the Most Improved Wrestler award.

Marcos has been a member of the Ski, Math, and Science Clubs, Block M Society, and CSF. He has been on the honor roll since his freshman year. He was a nominee for the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp as a junior.

A layout designer for the yearbook staff, Marcos was also a top academic student whose biography has been published in **Who's Who** and **The Society of Distinguished American High School Students**, and he has received the **US National Journalism Award**.

### Lauri Medeiros

Active in student government, Lauri has been an Inter-High Council representative for the past three years. She was president of her sophomore class and a member of the Student Curriculum Committee.

A member of NFL, Lauri has actively competed in numerous speech tournaments. She has been a member of the Drama, Spanish, and Science Clubs, and CSF. A member of the honor roll, she has received Outstanding Citizenship recognition. She also competed at the Academic Decathlon.

A member of the Marching and Concert Bands, she was a band council representative, and concert mistress. She has been a member of rally since her freshman year, and participated on the girls track team. Politically outspoken, Lauri was treasurer of the local Teenage Republicans.

### Camilla Tillmon

Camilla is one of the few students to achieve both perfect attendance and honor roll membership for all four years.

Very spirited, Camilla has been an active member of rally since her freshman year. She has also been a spring songleader for the past three years. A member of the award-winning

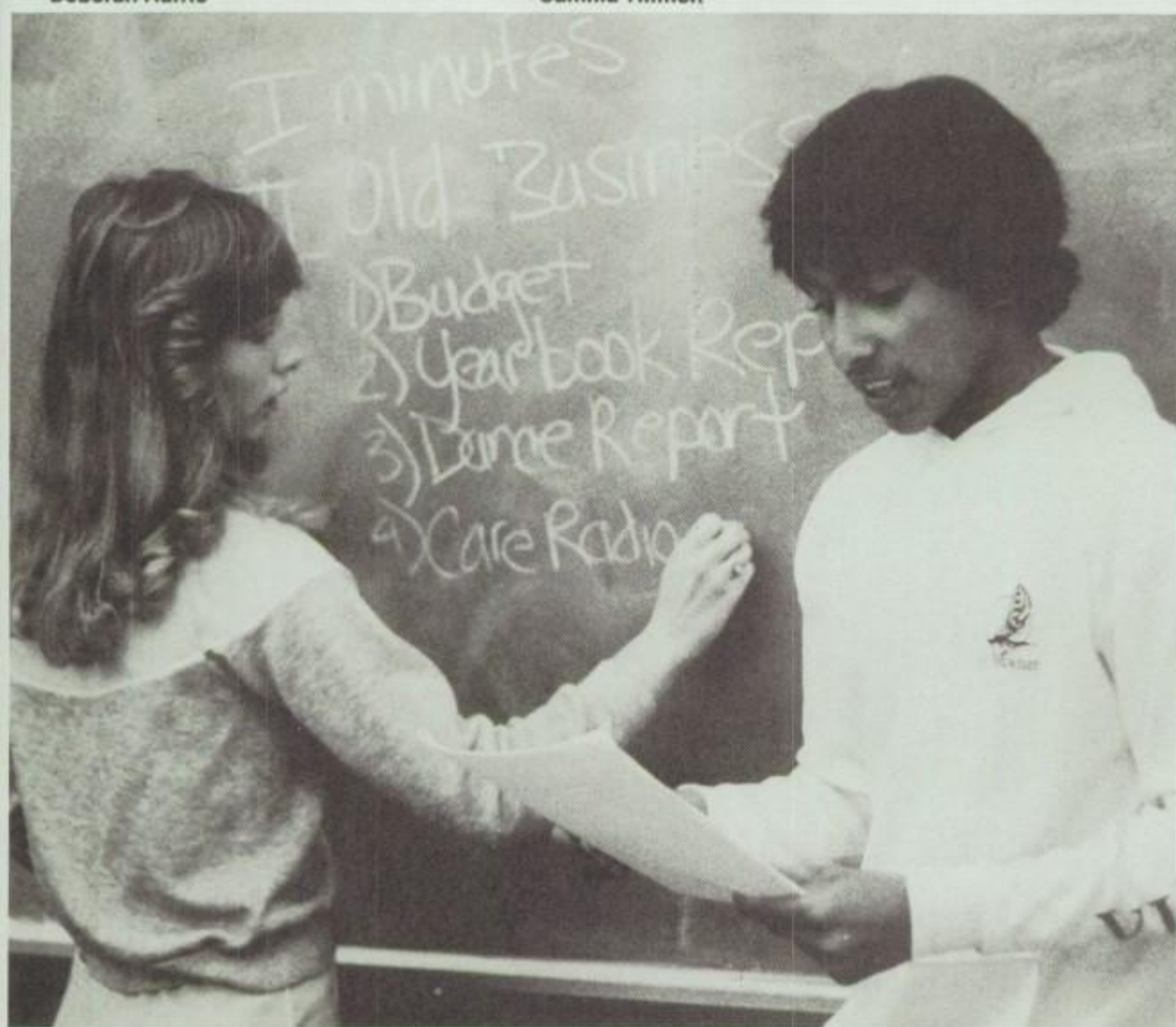




Deborah Harris



Camilla Tillmon



Sabrina Farris and Sean Wani

Marching Band, Camilla won the Best Marcher award in her freshman year. She has been in Dance Production since her sophomore year. Active in BSU, Camilla was its president in her junior year. As a senior she won fourth place in the BSU talent show.

### Sean Wani

A very active all-around student, Sean really stood out in music, speech, and student government. A life member of CSF, Sean has maintained a 4.0 GPA and Outstanding Citizenship since his freshman year.

In student government Sean has been involved in the Student Curriculum Committee and Inter-High Council, student body president, and, in his junior year, he was student representative to the Board of Education, representing all four city high schools.

In music, Sean has served as a trumpet player in Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Concert Band all four years of high school. In his senior year he was drum major

of the Marching Band.

President of AFS in his junior year, Sean was selected as a national finalist to travel to Switzerland in the summer of 1984. In his senior year he served as the business manager of the yearbook, and was a member of the Quill & Scroll Society. In speech Sean presided as president of the team and was also a member of the NFL. He was also honored by **Who's Who in Music, The United States Achievement Academy, The United States National Journalism Award and The American Musical Foundation Award.**

### Dixie Weststeyn

A top academic student, Dixie has won many awards for her outstanding achievements in English, math, science and band.

Student director of the Pep Band, Dixie was the trumpet section leader of the Marching and Concert Bands, and was also active in Jazz Band, Winterguard, and a representative to the band council since her freshman year.



Connie Dias



Kashmir Gill

In her junior year she was nominated to McDonald's **All-American High School Band.**

With a 4.0 GPA, Dixie is a life member of CSF, where she was secretary in her sophomore year. She has participated in the Math Super Bowl, County Spelling Bee, and Academic Decathlon, where she took two first place awards and three seconds. Math Club president, she has been a member since her freshman year.

She has received an Outstanding Citizenship award all four years and participated in the GATE program. She is a member of the Quill & Scroll Society and served as a reporter and typesetter for the yearbook. Treasurer of the senior class, Dixie's biography has appeared in **Who's Who in Music, Among American High School Students, and The Society of Distinguished American High School Students.** She also received a **United States National Band Award, United States National Journalism Award, and a National English Merit Award.**



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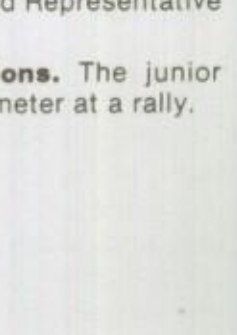
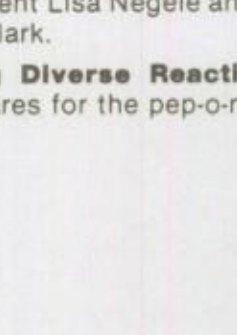
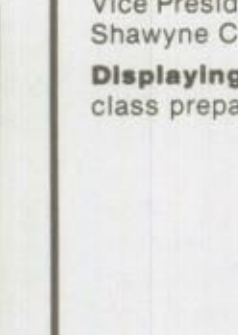
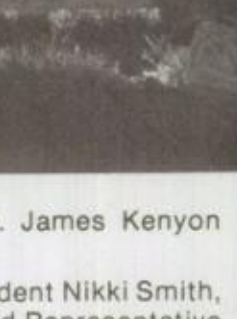
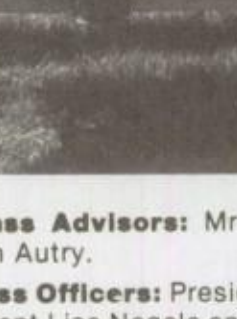
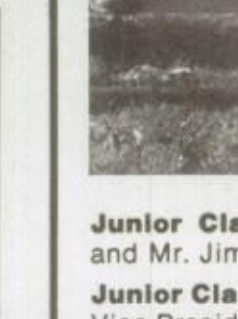
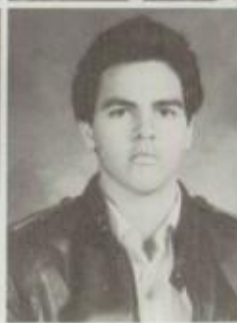
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Fernando Arrizon

Kunthea Am  
Tina Ausema



**Junior Class Advisors:** Mr. James Kenyon and Mr. Jim Autry.

**Junior Class Officers:** President Nikki Smith, Vice President Lisa Negele and Representative Shawyne Clark.

**Displaying Diverse Reactions.** The junior class prepares for the pep-o-meter at a rally.

Raymond Barber  
Holly Beatty  
Morey Bland  
Chrisle Boucher

Deborah Barnhart  
Wendy Beauvais  
Kenny Boggs  
Karen Bradley

Rebecca Bartoo  
Gina Bettencourt  
Kim Bond  
Isaac Brambila

Michelle Baugus  
Georgia Bixler  
Palee Boonmy  
Mary Brasuell

Christine Beatty  
Larry Bland  
Amelia Borja  
Julie Breitter



Jeff Brown  
Bobby Cardoza

Lisa Brown  
Jorge Carreno

Jonny Buantello  
Pete Casas

Michelle Bulman  
Dave Castillo

Amparo Camacho  
Manuel Chapa

Sylvia Camacho  
Francine Chaves

Suzy Campbell  
Mary Chavez

Albert Cardoso  
Terry Christensen



## Class of '85 puts prom plans together

by Kim James

Enthusiastic, vivacious, and spirited are words that describe the Class of 1985. Always willing and eager since they entered MHS as freshmen, they strove to be the best.

Returning from a successful year as sophomores, the Class of '85 determinedly undertook the usual planning for the prom. The class struggled to achieve its goals, with raising money for the Prom as its main objective.

At first many problems plagued the planning committees, not the least of which was lack of attendance at class meetings. Due to discontent with the original choices of theme and colors, juniors held additional meetings to vote upon alternate suggestions. Despite these complications, the actual Prom was very successful. The memorable event was held on May 12 in the California Ballroom, with the large attendance of students and guests enjoying the traditional Junior-Senior Prom.

Holding frequent lunch-time meetings, junior class members were involved in organizing ideas and activities for the coming year such as the Homecoming Dance, and the sale of notebooks, stuffed animals, and candy. However, they faced problems with kicking off fundraising events due to a lack of participation.

The junior class was full of individuals, though, who weren't afraid of work. Despite the usual difficulties faced each year with planning for the prom and fundraising in general, the Class of '85 held together as a team. Secretary San-

dra Contreras admitted that she had her doubts, but in the end the class really pulled together. Because of the people who were willing, ambitious, and ready to get things done, the accomplishments of the class proved to be beneficial to the entire school.

The dedicated junior class definitely stood out when it came to working hard. The class was full of individuals who were determined to outdo their predecessors and make their junior year the most profitable and memorable ever. □





Shawyne Clark  
Mark Conway  
Nedra Cuevas

Tamara Clark  
Butch Coonce  
Patrick Culver

Penni Coats  
Donald Coonce  
Clarence Cunha

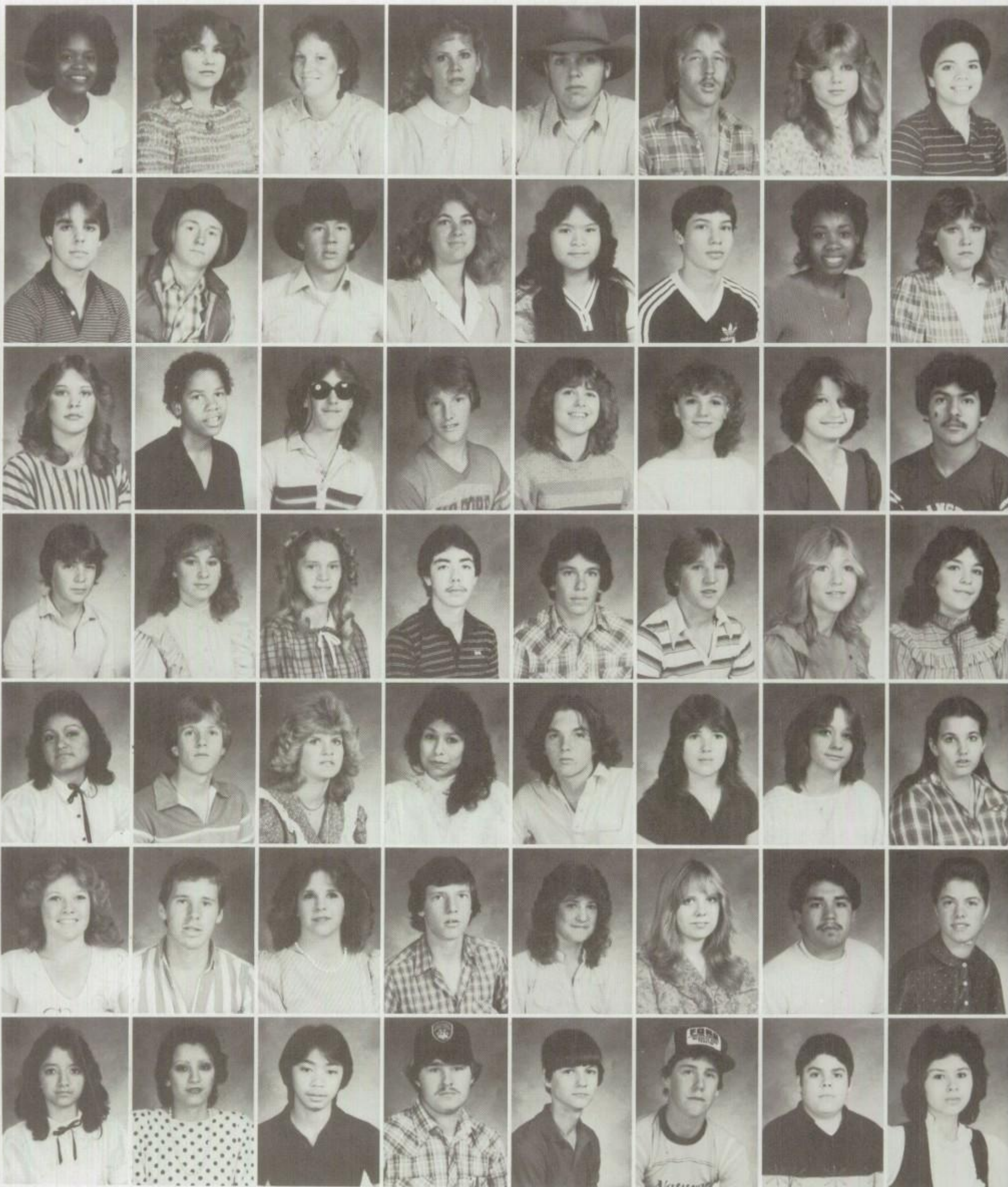
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Charlita Crane  
Teddle Deering

Sandra Conteras  
Dana Criswell  
Andres DeSiga



Robby Devine  
Johanna Fajardo  
Michelle Foust  
Lisa Garcia

Fernanda Dias  
Michael Farley  
Joe Frahm  
Noemi Garibay

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# Choosing the plan that's best for you

by Michelle Azevedo

As freshmen, students can choose the graduation plan that best suits their goals for the future. During their sophomore year, they have the choice to either keep the plan that was chosen during their freshman year or pick a different one. Some students feel that the plan they chose at the beginning of their high school years was not what they had in mind. But as sophomores, they must determine which plan they will follow as they work toward graduation.

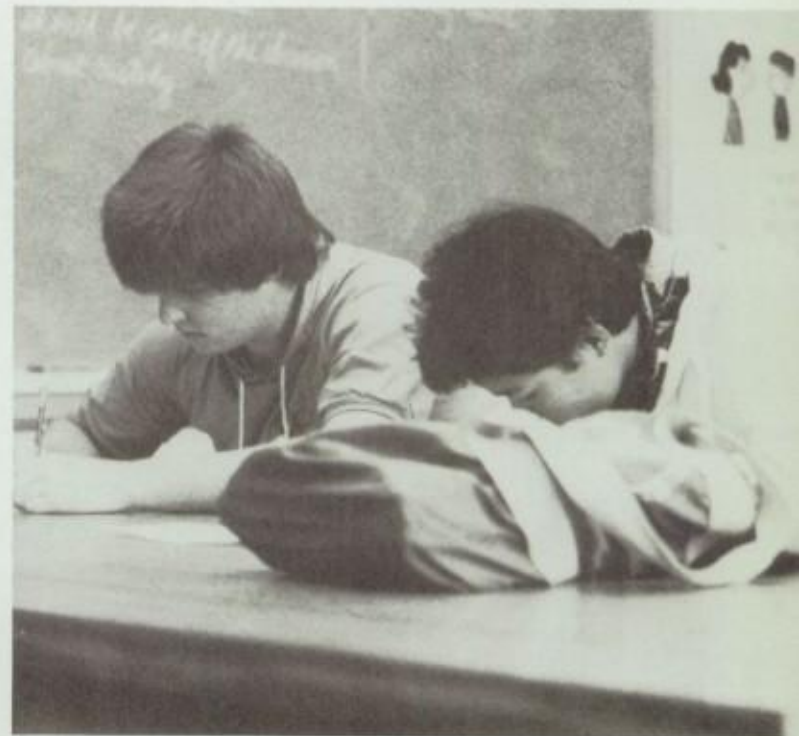
The three graduation plans students can choose from are the academic, vocational, and general plans. Each plan has certain requirements that must be met in order for students to graduate. For the academic plan, the special requirements include English Masterpieces and two years of a combination of science and math courses. Those on the vocational plan must complete forty credits in any of the departments of agriculture, business, home economics, or industrial education. ROP credits can also be counted as vocational credits. The general plan requires that students take consumer awareness and consumer related studies.

The plan chosen by many students is the academic plan, which is designed for college-bound students. The vocational

**Not the Same Old Grind.** Vocational major Ivan Wyeth works on one of his many welding and shop-related projects with the grinder.

plan is for students who are following a program which will give them marketable job entry skills. Finally, the general plan is for students who are preparing for employment soon after leaving high school.

Whether students set out to realize goals involving college, vocational school, work, or the military, MHS will provide them with the skills they need to succeed. □



**Just One More . . .** General plan students Curtis Starkey and Sophan Damlong try to finish their consumer awareness assignments before the bell rings.

**Mendeleev Lives Again.** Mr. Odell Scott impersonates the scientist Dmitri Mendeleev as he lectures to academic plan chemistry students about the periodic table of elements.



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## PSAT: Preparing for the final year

by Anthony Presto

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is cosponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT/NMSQT is developed and administered by the Educational Testing Service.

The test prepares juniors for the SAT, which is taken during a student's senior year. Sophomores can also take the test with special permission. The fee for taking the test is \$4.50. The test is divided into two parts, verbal and math, each 50 minutes in length.

Many juniors took the test early in the school year, receiving their scores just before Christmas. Along with the report of their scores, they received the correct answers to the test questions as well as the answers they gave.

The PSAT/NMSQT tests a student's ability to reason with facts and concepts rather than to recall and recite them. Students do not have to answer questions about grammar, recall facts about literature, or recognize mathematical formulas. Instead, they are given verbal and mathematical information and asked to reason with it.

Test development specialists and experienced consultants prepare the questions used on the PSAT/NMSQT. All

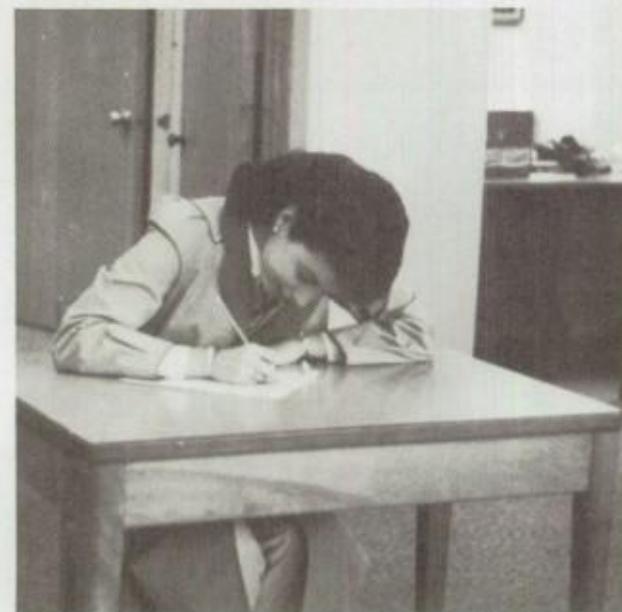
questions are widely reviewed and then tried out on a national sample of high school students. Information is collected about how these students responded to each question and what the average score on the total test was for each of these groups. This information is then considered in constructing final versions of the test.

Most of those who took the test expressed satisfaction at the results. They welcomed the opportunity to gain experience in this kind of test, and felt that by being able to compare the correct answer with their own response they would be in better shape for "the real thing" next year. □



**No Cheating!** Jerry Rocha, Chris Beatty and Holly Beatty patiently take the PSAT.

**This Really Stinks!** Vickie Johnston finds some of the questions hard to believe as she sits at her own table during the test.



**Why Am I Taking This Test?** Michelle Azevedo wishes she could copy from someone's answer sheet.



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Nancy Ragar  
Debbi Rios





## 'Right-minded' students find being 'left out' a problem

by Zusi Zuniga

**B**eing left-handed in a right-handed world can be a big factor in school life. In baseball, it can be an advantage, while in some sports it makes no difference. Many ordinary things are backwards or awkward; for example, desks are made for right-handed people. "Lefties" claim the desks are a big problem, because their arms get tired from not having any arm-rest while they write.

Frequently the object of jokes and teasing, left-handers are used to being told they write "upside down" and getting hit in the elbow while eating. They know that "sinister" means left-handed in Latin, and a put-down is a "left-handed compliment." Even pens and pencils are right-handed; just hold one in your left hand and try to read it!

About 10 percent of the total population is left-handed. Scientists say that the brain is actually reversed from the "side" we favor, so only the left-handed people are in their "right" minds! Here are how some of these people responded when asked how being left-handed affects their school life:

Mr. Patrick Durr says "I find it difficult to write in a spiral binder, but our roll books were made for left-handers!"

For sophomore Jana Rhine, "When you write any kind of assignment, the ink rubs off on your arm."

Kim Kelly, also a sophomore, agrees, adding "the desks aren't right for left-handed people because the arm rest

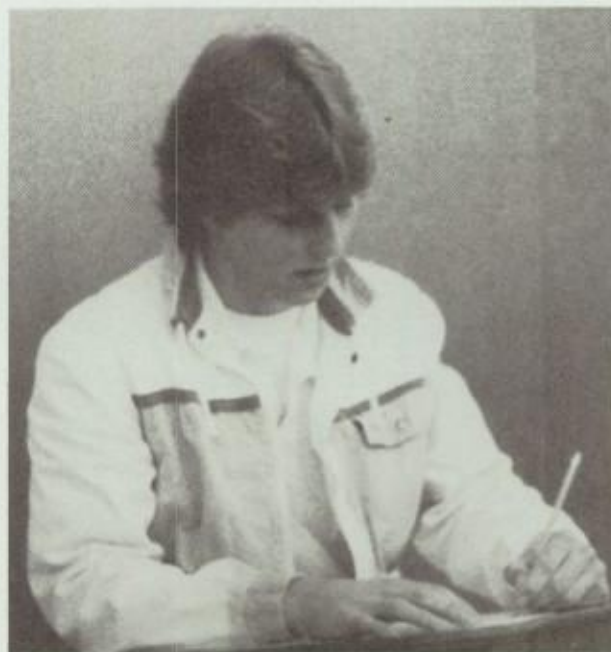
goes on the right side, and when I'm playing tennis I have to do everything the opposite way from the way Miss Killam teaches it."

Freshman John Snyder reckons that "the desks are kind of weird for me, but other than that everything is all right."

Sam Bans, also a freshman, feels that "it really doesn't affect me, except that sometimes things are a little awkward."

Junior Debbi Rios admits that "sometimes people make fun of me. I was the only left-handed player on the soccer team and I did everything with my left leg; they thought it was funny." But she hastens to add that "I don't think being left-handed is anything to be embarrassed about." □

**I'm Writing as Fast as I Can.** Relieved that she has a regular desk, left-handed junior Debbi Rios writes with ease.



**I Hope This is Right.** Frosh leftie Marc Ortiz does his art project the "right" way.

**I Need an Arm-Rest.** Even after complaining to his teacher, senior Chris Dallenbach still has to put up with a right-handed desk.





**Get Out of My Way!** Varsity football quarterback David Wilson outmaneuvers an opponent to gain yardage for the Panthers.

**"UGH!"** Using great skill, Tim Gorne puts a reverse hold on his opponent in varsity wrestling.



## Junior athletes try out for the big time

by Lori Howell

**D**o juniors feel inferior to seniors when they play on a varsity sports team? The general response to this question was "no." To the players, it is the ability to play the sport; the person's age or grade is not the issue. Even sophomores occasionally play on the varsity level if they are talented enough.

Rachel Cole is the pitcher on the softball team, and was awarded All-League honors as a sophomore playing at the varsity level. "It doesn't matter what grade you're in; as a team, we all work together to accomplish one goal."

Morey Bland played varsity football as a sophomore, and was Outstanding Player of the Week. This was his first year as a wrestler. Morey feels that to earn a starting position as a junior, "you have to work harder to compete with the seniors."

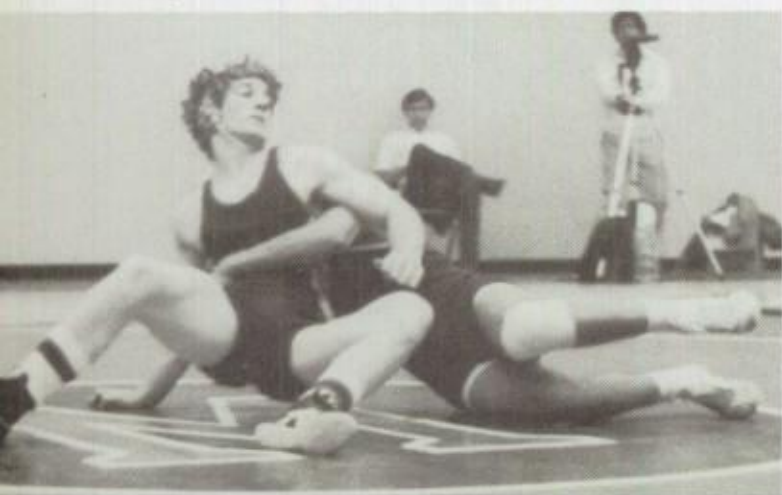
Cindy Vermeulen played volleyball, and earned honorable mention All-

League. "I was able to expand my leadership playing a varsity sport."

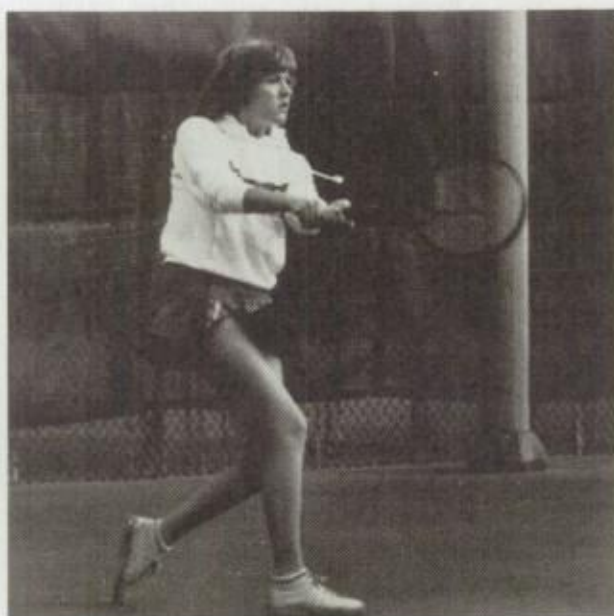
David Wilson is a football and baseball player. In football, he was Player of the Week twice, and as a sophomore he played shortstop and left field in the varsity baseball playoffs. He says that "there is a lot of pressure on juniors because when they become seniors, more is expected of them. You have to work extra-hard when you are a senior."

Anne Verissimo played varsity softball and basketball as a sophomore, and she received the Most Improved Player award for varsity basketball. "I don't feel inferior," says Anne. "I think it's a good experience."

As a sophomore, Robert Ott pitched three games in the varsity baseball playoffs, and was the Most Valuable Player. He also plays football. "When you have more ability in one sport than another, you feel better about yourself and it is easier to advance," says Robert. □



**15—Love.** Concentrating on her forehand, Karen Smith returns a serve.



**Set Me Up.** Cindy Vermeulen, an outstanding junior, plays on the varsity volleyball team.



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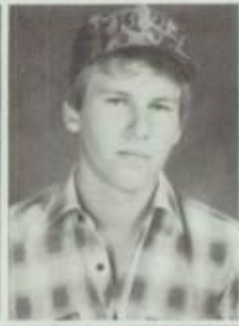
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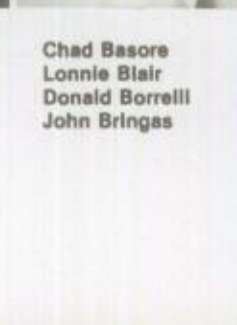
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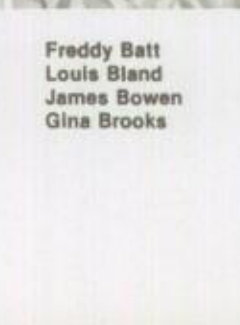
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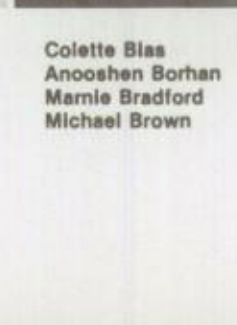
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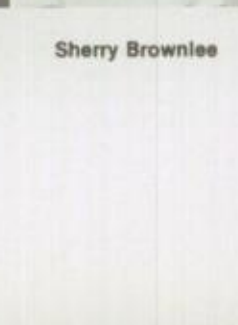
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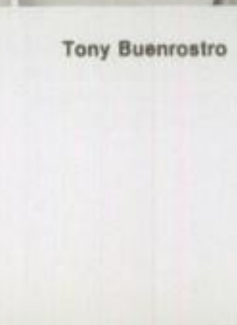
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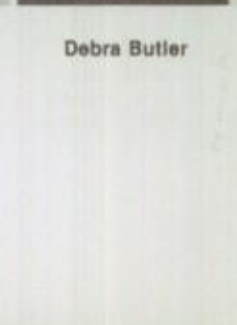
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## Class of '86 gets taste of the upper class life

by Stephanie Frazier

Becoming a sophomore often makes students feel more mature (and wiser?) now that they are well into high school. It may also open up many doors to them that were perhaps locked during their freshman year. For many it is the time in which they start to make decisions for their future. For example, students may take the Differential Aptitude Test. This is a test which helps them determine which occupation best suits them. When students find out this information, they are then able to determine what classes would be most beneficial for their future aims and goals.

Though the Class of '86 got off to a slow start with unenthusiastic participation, involvement gradually improved as class members realized that next year they have the responsibility of putting on the prom. Two very important and successful fund rasiers were M&M sales in late January and the Hearts and Lace Dance held in February.

Under the conscientious direction of advisors Joan Fisher and Sharon Poston, meetings were held at least once a

month in which the class discussed their plans and activities. Though only a few dedicated sophomores showed up for the meetings, they progressed well under the leadership of competent class officers, president Pauline Anaya, vice president Iqbal Gill, treasurer Angel Senseney, and representative Darren Jenkins.

With the dedication of its leading

students and advisors, the Class of '86 continually strove to meet its goals and obligations in order to maintain its part in the proud Panther heritage. □

**Abondanza!** Attempting to eat 16 pieces of pizza at one sitting is sophomore Eric Grimes, whose first period class won the pizza feed for buying the highest percentage of yearbooks.



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Ralph DeHart  
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Israel DeLaRosa  
David Dickson

Monica Cuevas  
Matthew Denlinger  
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Keith Cunha  
Billy Devine  
Berry Doll

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Gwen Dooley

Sophin Damlong  
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Fred Davis  
Angela Diaz  
Kevin Downey

Greg Deeter  
Cruz Diaz  
Karen Doyle



Mary Driskill  
Alicia Ehle  
Adelina Flores  
Luis Garcia

Charles Duncan  
Michelle Ehrler  
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Esman Gomez



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Troy Grace  
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Celine Hanson

Allen Griffith  
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## Special fees: when you have to pay to play

by Elko Akagi

Two years have passed since the activity fee was first imposed. All high school students who want to participate in special activities such as football, basketball, cheerleading and band are required to pay a \$30 fee for the year. Once the fee is paid, the money is sent to the district administration, which decides how much money should go to each of the high schools in the Modesto City School District. In each school, the money is used for coaching stipends, to pay for building improvements and equipment, and other necessary athletic expenses. The activity fee is not for one individual sport or activity but for all of the activities we have in our school district.

Although the activity fee has been challenged in court, a final determination may be a long way off, as each side in the battle has already pledged to appeal. Students generally pay without too much grumbling, feeling they have no choice if they wish to participate.

The transportation fee, begun part way through last year, is a charge of 25 cents each way for students who ride school buses. Students may purchase an all-year bus pass or individual tickets. Since state law does not require school districts to provide transportation, many have been reducing or eliminating that service to balance budgets.

These two new fee systems seem slated for an indefinite stay. They are justified by the School Board as the only available means of getting the necessary funds needed to maintain our excellent extra-curricular activities and having a decent mode of transportation. □



**I Don't Wanna Pay!** This was the second year students were required to pay to ride school buses.

**We Will Win.** Lisa Andrews is one of the many who had to pay the \$30 fee in order to participate in an

extra-curricular activity.

**Cheer Up!** Although it is necessary to pay an activity fee, band members Matt Stiles and Dixie Weststeyn want to keep the MHS band number one.



Deanna Hard  
Leah Harrell  
Darren Hawkins  
Lisa Hayes





**Red Lights Mean Stop.** Reviewing for a test, Alex Noriega, David Johnson, Teresa Ramirez and José Velasquez study quietly in driver ed class.

**Watch Out Behind!** Carefully checking for pedestrians, Lucianu Toste backs his car away from the wood shop parking area.



## Just sixteen and 'I got my license!'

by Danita Swinburg

**F**or many sophomores the most outstanding event in high school is their sixteenth birthday. It is at this time that they begin to have more independence and responsibility. It also the time when they can apply for their drivers' license.

The first step toward getting a license is obtaining a driving permit. In order to get the instructional permit, a new

46-question written test must be passed. There is also a minimum driving practice period of 30 days. After the permit is obtained a student must certify that he or she has mastered a checklist of driving proficiency standards.

After taking the required driver training and driver education classes, students are ready to begin testing to receive their licenses. The final test consists of two parts, written and driving.

From the time a license is obtained until the age of 18 is reached, strict local laws concerning curfews and other provisions must be followed. If two traffic convictions or accidents are obtained, the license may be changed so the person may drive only under the supervision of an adult.

To some students, the test may be easy. For others it is difficult and requires more than one try. No matter how much effort it takes for each person, all generally agree that having their own license makes life simpler. "Getting my license will make it easier to do more things because I won't have to ask my parents for a ride every time I want to go someplace. It will also make it easier for me to have a job," stated Becky Peeper. □



**Did I Pass?** Applying for her drivers' license at the DMV, Ruth Vera waits for the results of her written test.



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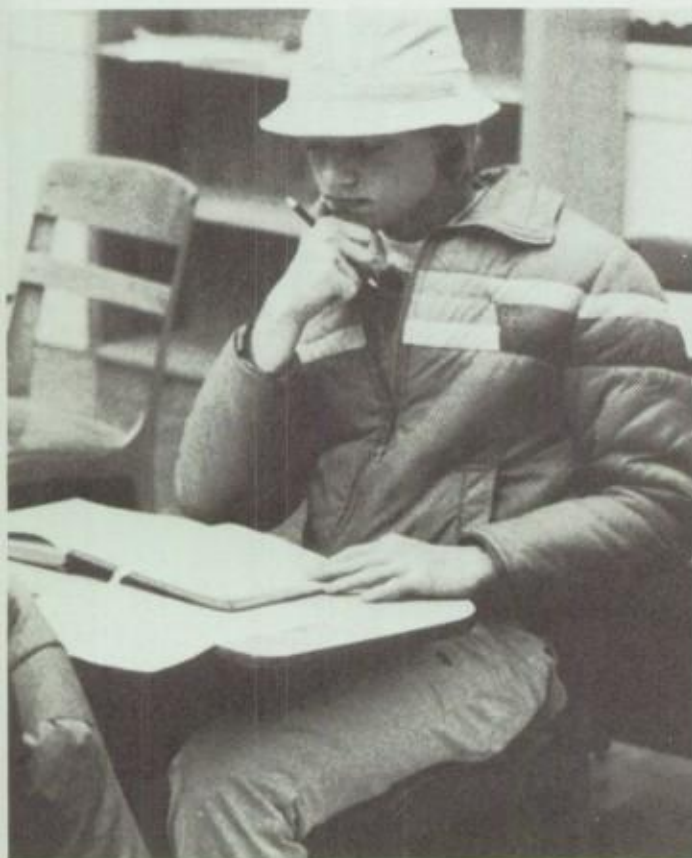
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## The Overachievers

by Kashmir Gill

Although most students did just enough to get by, there were a few exceptional members of the sophomore class who gave things a bit more effort and surpassed their peers in both athletics and academics.

Della Redding, Tammy Gerolaga, and Pauline Anaya's excellent athletic abilities on the volleyball court resulted in spots for them on the varsity team. Normally freshmen and sophomores are on the junior varsity team, but the girls' talents moved them up to the varsity level where they proved to be an asset during difficult games.

Academics also saw a group of outstanding achievers. In order to be enrolled in trigonometry, a course usually taken by juniors, a student must first have had courses in algebra and geometry. Five sophomores, John Bringas, Brian Nelson, Chris Walters, Ruth Vera, and Anoosheh Borhan were enrolled in this advanced math class. Except for Anoosheh, who is new to MHS from England, all of these students took algebra in eighth grade and geometry in their freshman year.

Even though there was homework every night, the majority of these students found trigonometry very challenging. John Bringas calls trigonometry "an incredibly interesting class." □



**What Next?** When coming to a complex problem, Chris Walter takes time out to think.

**Spaced Out!** Anoosheh Borhan's attention seems to be drifting off to another world.

**Get It Straight!** Advanced algebra student Brian Nelson concentrates on drawing a straight line on his graph.

Dawn Placitello  
Chris Pogue  
Rhonda Prater  
Stephanie PresleyMartha Plascencia  
Sangly Prak  
Mickey Prescott  
Nina Price



**The Leg Bone's Connected to the . . .** Enthusiastically describing her techniques is one of December's speakers, Dr. Mary Ann Reynolds from Emanuel Hospital.

**In the Spotlight.** At the October seminar, Mr. Eric Hardee explains his duties as an employee of IBM.

**This is the Way It Is.** Dental Hygienist Susan Sylvia enjoys students' interest as she lectures.



## Computer craze affects Career Club

by Dixie Weststeyn

The Career Club, advised by Mr. Manuel Palazuelos, offers students an opportunity to learn more about occupations in which they are interested. Starting in October, the club met once a month during a class period. Each meeting's topic was a different career area, and students signed up for the meetings they wished to attend. However, they could register for no more than four meetings.

Specialists in five specific jobs within the meeting's topic area were brought in to talk to students. After a general introduction in which each specialist gave a brief overview of his or her job, students split into small groups to listen to the person whose job interested them most. The specialist then discussed his job in detail and answered students' pertinent questions.

The Career Club is an educational program designed to appeal to a wide range

of student occupational interests. Its large membership attests to this fact. Computer Science and Job Hunting Strategy have been among the most popular seminars recently and have been repeated from year to year. When too many students have signed up for a meeting, only upperclassmen are allowed to attend. A total of approximately 800 students are involved in the Career Club, or about 47 percent of the MHS student body. Other seminars offered this year were Repair Careers, Science Careers, Construction Careers, Retail Service Careers, Animal Science Careers, and Military Careers.

Connie Dias, who attended the Computer Science seminar, listened to John Wegard, senior staff accountant for Turner and Chamberlain. She commented, "I thought the discussion was very helpful, especially to me, because I want to become a Certified Public Accountant." □



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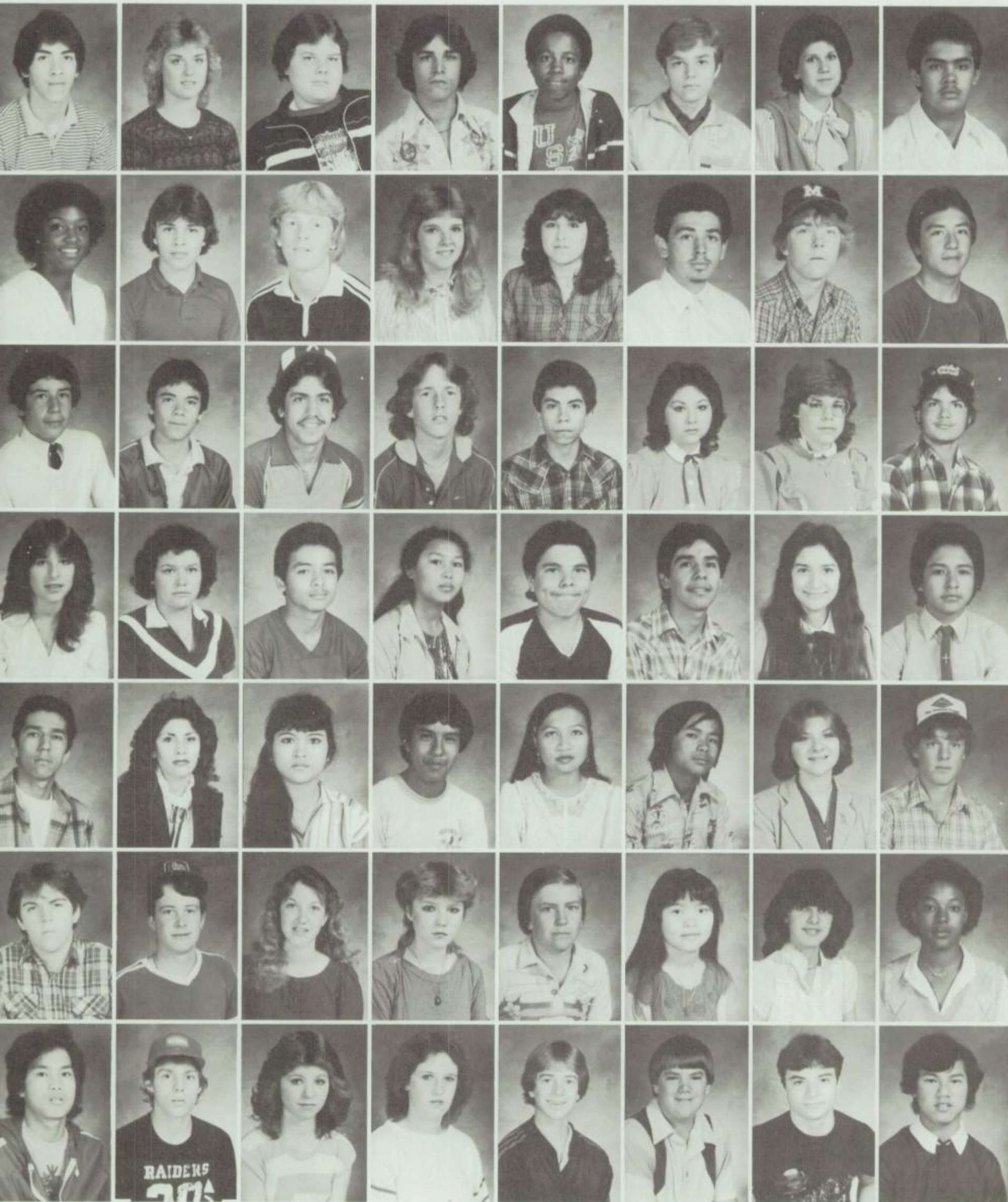
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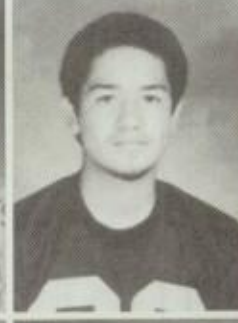
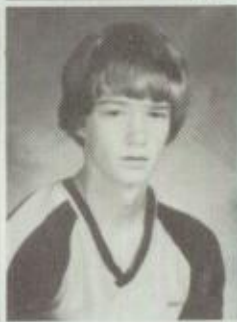
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# First-timers: Sweet sixteen and never . . .

by Chris Deatty

For teenagers, turning sixteen is a long-awaited and greatly-celebrated event. It is the time when family and friends all agree that the birthday person is on his or her way to becoming an adult.

But for the majority of sixteen year-olds, the most important things about turning sixteen are being able to get a driver's license and being allowed to date for the first time. Whether it turns out to be a disaster or is the "perfect" date, memories of this unique occasion can often last for years. A few sophomore Panthers volunteered to share their memories of that first date.

Socorro Castro recalled that "the restaurant was Black Angus. It was very elegant."

"I remember it was after a football game," said Alicia Ehle. "I was a cheerleader and my squad and I went out to pizza with the football players. We had a terrible time."



**You're Kidding!** Sharing a joke, Donny Borrelli and Lina Dias laugh together in the courtyard during lunch.

"Jon McManus and I went horseback riding," recalls Ludy Veldhuizen. "Then we went to the movies right after, and we smelled like horses and were all dirty. We ended up having a popcorn and ice fight."

Patrick Ketchum could only remember "I was awfully nervous."

By contrast, Darren Jenkins recalled "we had a great dinner and we had fun."

"I remember going to the Rocky Horror Show with friends," said Chris Medeiros. "The most interesting thing about the night is that Rocky Horror plays only at midnight. Needless to say, I came home about 3 am."

**Hi There!** During lunch in the band room, Zeke Duque introduces himself to Kim White.



**Meet Me After Class.** Jim Hendricks and Jana Rhine agree to meet as soon as school is out.

**Don't Let It End.** Sophomore couples Bill Sciarini and Michelle Ramos and Lee Jarvis and Trisha Womack enjoy a slow dance.



Dennis Whitworth  
Scott Wright

Gary Wilson  
Diana Wyeth

Shellie Wilson  
Lao Tou Yang

Trisha Womack  
Laura Yarbrough

Donald Worsham  
Becky Yeager

Billy Wright  
Talide Zamora

Kim Wright  
Eloise Zarco

Trudy Welsh  
Kim White  
Michelle White  
Paul Wright  
Greg Zuniga



Gary Adkins  
Mario Alberto  
Christina Allen



Lonnie Adkins  
Mary Alejandro  
John Allen



Manny Aflague  
Coley Alexander  
Joella Alvarado



Gerald Aganza  
Gary Alexander  
Raul Alvarez



Fermin Aguilar  
Barbara Allen  
Nellie Amaral



Brian Anderson  
Elvia Arroyo  
Anna Baldez  
Curtis Bellows

Debra Arbogast  
Eric Ascencio  
Samuel Bans  
Vince Bentley

Barney Arias  
Olga Avila  
Matt Baptiste  
Josette Berryhill

Caroline Arias  
Susana Avila  
Rhonda Bates  
Alicia Bert

Charlie Arrizon  
Nicole Baker  
Billy Battle  
Manuel Bettencourt

Karen Beaton  
Bill Birt

Dawn Beauvais  
Reggie Bland

Yvonne Bejaran  
Harold Blatzheim



**Spirit and Support.** Enthusiastic freshmen students crowd into the girls gym to join in the fun of a basketball rally.



# New advisors work to boost frosh spirit

by Mike Toso

The Class of 1987 did a great job of raising money in its first of four high school years. In the future, the class will be able to use the money already raised for the sophomore valentine dance and the junior prom. Through hard work and dedication, the Freshmen managed to raise more than the usual amount of money, led by new advisors Kris Domitrovich and Carolyn Leathers. The student officers were president Elena Carrillo, vice president Alfred Salazar, secretary Gemilyn Bringas, treasurer Mike Severson, and representative Pam Sufi.

The Freshman Class ran the concession stand for girls' basketball games and received the profits. If the class continues its ambitious ways, their future at MHS will be very bright. Their success is attributed to a dedicated few who turned up at all the meetings and raised most of the money. As always, those who were involved felt that the class needed more participation from its class members.

President Elena Carrillo observed, "For only 15 people to show up for a meeting out of a class of more than 500 seems like pretty poor participation."

Other events sponsored by the Class of '87 included a dance which brought them plenty of fun and finances. With such an impressive beginning, the Class of '87 has a generous supply of school spirit and pride to carry on the Panther Heritage for three more years. □

**Freshman Officers, front row:** Vice president Alfred Salazar, secretary Gemilyn Bringas, treasurer Mike Severson. **back row:** President Elena Carrillo, representative Pam Sufi.

**Counting Cash.** Freshman Class Advisors Chris Domitrovich and Carolyn Leathers count money received from the class's first fund raiser.



Pete Blom  
Twila Bowling  
Genoveva Brambila



Julianne Boone  
Ricky Bradford  
Gemilyn Bringas



James Burkhardt  
Vella Cano

Paolo Busch  
Martha Cantu

Ginger Cagle  
Elena Carrillo

Anna Calancea  
Mark Carrington

Shawn Calabrese  
Marlene Castenada

George Calhoun  
Javier Castillo

Judith Brink  
Eric Bueno  
Raul Calvo  
Robby Castillo

Shonda Bruce  
Rodney Burgess  
Guillermo Campos  
Adam Castro



Trudy Caudle  
Lamont Collins  
Stephanie Cone

Stacie Center  
Elizabeth Colvin  
Tanya Conley

Olga Cerna

Kenny Charron

Jason Clark

Janet Clem

Pamela Coburn

Judy Coley



Robert Contreras  
Johnny Cope  
Brian Cordero  
Matt Cover

Janine Conway  
Toby Corbin  
Marco Cortez  
Michael Cowser

## Stricter graduation requirements coming

by Sam Gonzales

Following the nation-wide trend of imposing tougher graduation requirements on students, new policies were adopted by the school board at the start of the year. The new graduation requirements, which begin with the Class of '87, will affect all future MHS students.

"The new requirements will really be an improvement, giving us a chance to receive a better education," stated Twyla Bowling, a freshman on campus. But the majority of students seemed to lean in the other direction, feeling that it was wrong to make them work harder just to earn the same diploma as before.

To graduate, the students will have to earn a minimum of 220 course units, including three years of English and social science and two years of both science and math. In addition, they will have to earn a total of 21 "competency units," based upon passing competency tests each May, which are similar in nature to the minimum competency tests now being given each February and March.

Although most faculty members favored the changes, the expansion of course and unit requirements seemed to put students under pressure. "It's going to cause problems. We need time to learn outside of school just as much as we do in school, and the extra studying is going to interfere," claimed Zulema

Zuniga.

Most of the students seemed to think that the new requirements in one way or another will make their time in high school that much more miserable. Yet they agreed there was little they could do but try their best and hope that would be good enough to see them through to graduation. □



**Let's Change This.** Mr. Walter Baddell makes changes in a student's schedule to help him fulfill the new requirements.

**Yeah, Sure, Ha Ha!** Twyla Bowling jokes with Principal Richard Lang, asking if she can pass the new requirements with only two classes a day.

**It's Gotta Be Now!** Talking to Mrs. Gloria McCoy, Zulema Zuniga demands to see her counselor about the new changes.





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George Gomez  
Willie Greene

Sharyl Gayle  
Raquel Gomez  
Brian Greer

Mike Genasci  
Sylvia Gomez  
Brian Grundy

Gina Georgeson  
Darlene Gong  
Alvin Guerrero

Nancy Gibson  
Dede Gong  
Mario Guerrero

Eduvigles Gil  
Michelle Goodman  
Nacio Guerrero

Sherman Gisler  
Alvin Grays  
Trina Gullatt



Amanda Gutierrez  
Jimmie Harrell  
Johnny Hernandez  
Yvonne Howe

Aurora Gutierrez  
Mike Harris  
Sofia Hernandez  
Judy Howser

Romulo Guzman  
Bobby Harrison  
Mechele Holmes  
Durwin Humphrey

Joe Gwerder  
Kim Haverly  
Tonya Holmes  
George Hunt

Kim Haley  
Ora Heaston  
John Honeycutt  
Juana Ibarra

Richie Hall  
Darrin Helster  
Clark Houston  
Jesse Ingram

Scott Hall  
Arthur Hernandez  
Shanon Howard  
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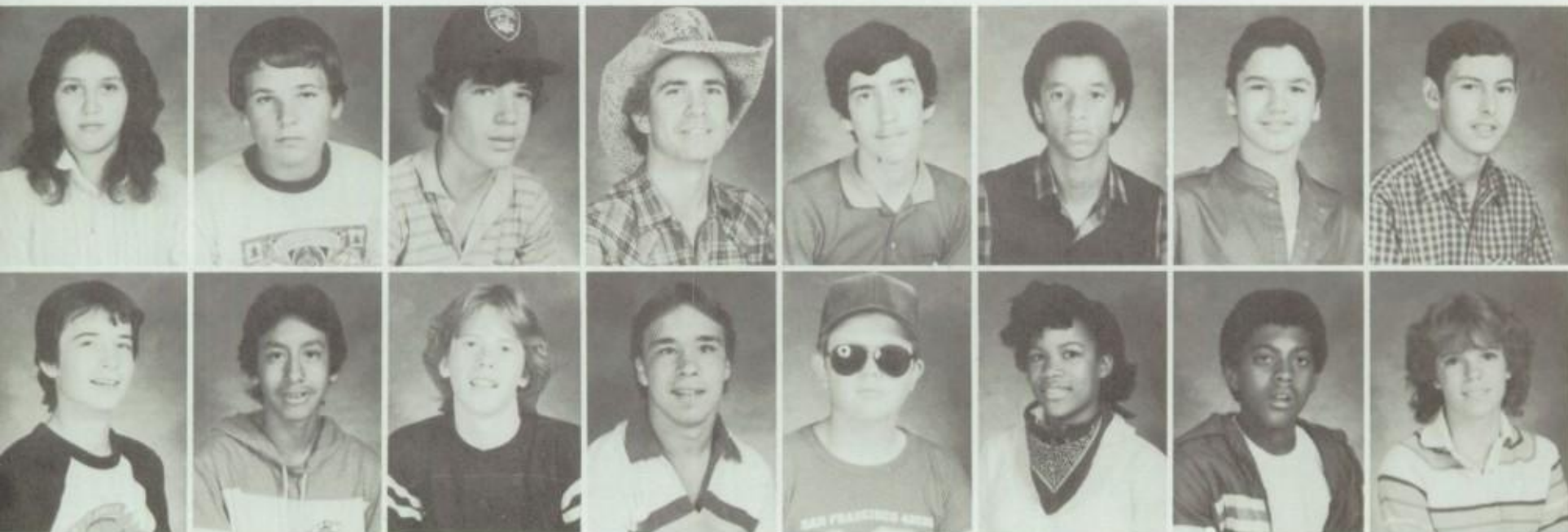
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## North Campus brings mixed feelings

by Ed Sclarini

On September 7, Washington School became a part of the MHS campus. Among others, freshman English and world geography classes were held there. For the most part this had a negative effect on the freshman students. "When I heard about Washington becoming part of Modesto High School I was surprised," stated freshman Carrie Adams.

Most students disliked crossing the street to get to and from class. "If you miss the first light," stated Lisa Smith, "you have to run to catch the second one."

Added David Dunkin, "Maybe someday I'll be crossing the street just to get a good education and I'll get hit by some crazed driver."

"I wish there was no street between the north campus and the school," commented Dia Phillips. Stan Martens joked, "If they want us to walk back and forth,

they should at least give us credit in PE."

The time schedule is shorter on the north campus than on the main one, but some students claim to still need more time. "I think the bell should ring a couple minutes earlier so we can get a seat on the bus," said Joey Omlin. According to Shannon Howard the north campus faculty is affected also. "The teachers seem to be a little grouchier on the north campus than on the main campus."

However, there were those who had some positive comments about the

situation. Karin Matthews stated, "Being a north campus student is kind of fun because you don't have to stay on one campus the whole day." Others had the same idea. "I think it's good for students to have two campuses," said Melissa Peterson, "so you don't have to stay on the main campus for all your classes."

And there are other advantages, according to Jodi Coley: "I'm closer to home after class and so I get more time to eat!" But on the subject of food, Mary Ann Alejandro complained, "By the time I get to the snack bar, all the nachos are gone." □



**Risky Business.** Inviting a ticket, a group of freshmen crosses against the light.

**First, the Bad News.** During her third period English class, Miss Joni Strohm explains the assignment.

**While the Cat's Away...** With their teacher out of the room, Janelle Jones and Jared Lehman devise a game to occupy their time.



Rose Jones  
Aaron King  
Darren Krause

Stephen Kaderlik  
Doris King  
Carlos Lara



Sandra Lara  
Donald Lee  
Jared Lehman  
Michelle Lewis

Kathryn Leatherman  
Joel Leer  
Kim Lemonds  
Christopher Liddle



Kenneth Light



Steven Lopes



Joel Lopez



Rosio Lopez



Sonya Love



Lesley Lucas

# Student TAs lend a hand to busy faculty

by Rhonda Albright

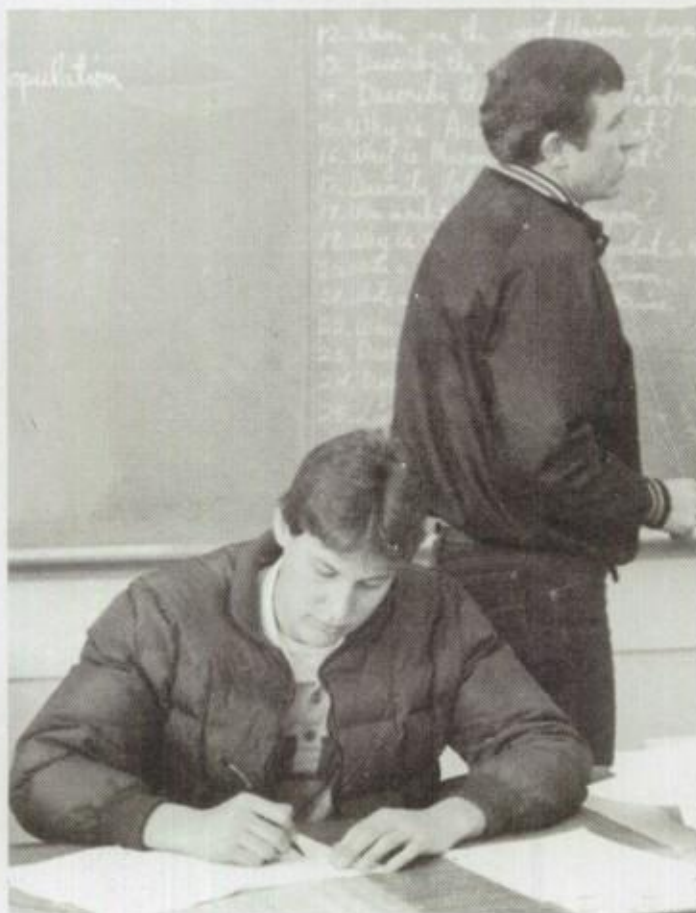


Most freshmen show great respect toward teachers' aides in their world geography and algebra classes and in other freshman courses. They seem to be able to relate to their upper-classmen more easily than to their teachers. Sometimes the aides are able to help the freshmen understand problems better because they had the class themselves in their freshman year.

Teachers find that the aides are very useful to them by saving them time normally spent on reading the bulletin, correcting papers, etc. "It can save you a lot of time when you need to start assignments and you have a teacher's aide to take roll for you," commented Mr. Wayne McGhee, world geography teacher.

Some freshmen look up to the teachers' aides, considering them to be more or less of an example that should be followed. They realize that the aides are of great importance to the teachers, allowing them to have more time for classroom instruction and discussion. Students often can request assistance from the aides when the teacher is busy working with another student.

"I enjoy having a teacher's assistant in my class. She helps me a lot," stated one freshman. Added another, "The teacher's aide is a big help to our teacher and helps me whenever I need it." □



**Help Wanted.** Teacher aide Annette Jones helps Eddie Hernandez with a very difficult problem.

**That's Correct.** While Mr. Wayne McGhee explains another assignment to his fourth period freshmen, Joey Henriques corrects papers for him.

**More Papers.** During a world geography class, teacher aide Jaci Gaeden corrects yesterday's homework.





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Lisa Martinez  
Mike McCurdy

Barbara Madrid  
Stephanie Martinez  
Jim McGrath

Teofilo Madrigal  
Uriel Martinez  
Terry McKay

Mari Magaña  
Marvin Massengill  
John McKenzie

Paula Marquez  
Karen Matthews  
Virginia McKibben

Alberto Marron  
Maria Mayer  
Barbara McKnight

Stanley Martens  
Richard McCallum  
Felicia McWilliam

Edward Martinez  
Michael McCarthy  
Robin Mears



Ty Medrano  
Nancy Montalbo  
Valerie Murillo  
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Alfredo Nava  
Gregg Olson

Hector Mendez  
Heather Moore  
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Joey Omlin

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Pam Moore  
Jose Nevarez  
Tony Omlin

Brandon Mize  
Traci Moore  
Marc Nevarez  
Marc Ortiz

Casey Mitchell  
Humberto Morales  
Ha Thi Nguyen  
Mike Ortiz

Irma Monje  
Victoria Moyet  
Robert Noffsinger  
Jim Oslin

Gracie Montalbo  
Richard Mullican  
Jesse Norflis  
Mona Owen



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José Padilla  
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Melissa Peterson

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Jim Richmond  
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Richard Prasad  
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Michele Riley  
Jeannie Romey

Jared Price  
Ernest Radza  
Elvira Rivera  
Dolores Rosales

Roger Price  
Eddie Ramirez  
Terry Roach  
Patty Rose

Corey Probst  
Francisca Ramirez  
Sherrie Robinson  
Brent Rosenow

Jimmy Puricelli  
Devin Reynolds  
Bobbie Robison  
Bobby Royal

Virginia Quinoñes  
Marie Richardson  
Lynn Rocque  
Cesar Rubio



# For many at MHS, being short is 'in'

by Denise Presley

**S**hort people got no reason to live! They got little hands and little feet and little voices that go tweet, tweet, tweet"! This song from 1977-78 took a comical look at some big problems short people really have. "Yes, we really do have some rather big problems," agreed sophomore Lee Jarvis. "Try going to the store to buy a pair of pants and having to hem them six inches before you can even wear them."

MHS has a group of short people ranging from 4'6" to 5'3". Many are freshmen, but even a few seniors definitely fit into the "short" category. One such short person stated, "Yeah, I'm short; so what? I'm proud. I get picked on, called 'shorty' etc. and get a whole lot of attention. It took me a while to realize it's really fun being short."

Even so, there are some real problems short people face. They can't find clothes that fit correctly because they're always too long. When they walk into a shoe store the salesman tells them they need to go over to the children's section where they rarely ever find what they want. And of course, they seem to be the target for all the bigger guys who seem to like pushing them around and calling them names. But the worst is the dreaded 'trash canning' they all live in fear of receiving before they graduate. □

**A Typical Day.** Finally enjoying the sun are Tina Thomas, Stephanie Presley, Melinda Lee, Jacy Lee, Esther Lopez and Yvette Loya.



**How's the Weather Up There?** Senior Brian Kelly speaks with Chris Liddle and Tina Thomas about the winter fog.

**Having a Good Time.** Short people at MHS include Alicia Ehle, Robert Page, Debbi Rios, Esther Lopez, Stephanie Presley, Trisha Womack, Lee Jarvis and Tina Thomas.



**Short People Got Worse Problems.** Chris Liddle and Robert Page try to explain to Robert Berry the difficulties of being shorter than average.



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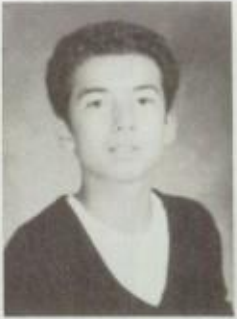
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Lisa Smith



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John Snyder  
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Joseph Solinger

## Class of '87 makes adjustment to high school life

by Jacy Lee

**I Need 100 More Words!** Striving to reach the minimum number required, Gina Nelson counts words for an essay in an English 1 class.



Changing from kindergarten to first grade isn't so bad. The first big step is changing from the sixth to the seventh grade, because students go to a different school, meet new friends, and switch classes. Changing from junior high to high school is the last step for some and the next step for those who plan to attend college.

Many freshmen are intimidated by the large campus and the new faces. But for some who love a challenge, the switch is fun. Freshman Mechele Holmes stated, "The biggest part of the change is the responsibility of getting homework and tests completed and in on time."

Others enjoy the classes and teachers. "The change is hardly noticeable, except for the better classes

that are available to you, such as auto shop, art, and many more electives. Not only that, but the teachers are more relaxed," stated Manuel Bettencourt.

In junior high, when you arrive at school you don't leave until the final bell rings at 2:50. No break at all until lunch, which is either fifth or sixth period, depending on your grade. In high school, you get a break between second and third periods, and you can either stay at school and go to the snack bar, or you can go to the store. Also, everyone has lunch fifth period, so you can go to your favorite fast food restaurant, or spend some time eating with your friends.

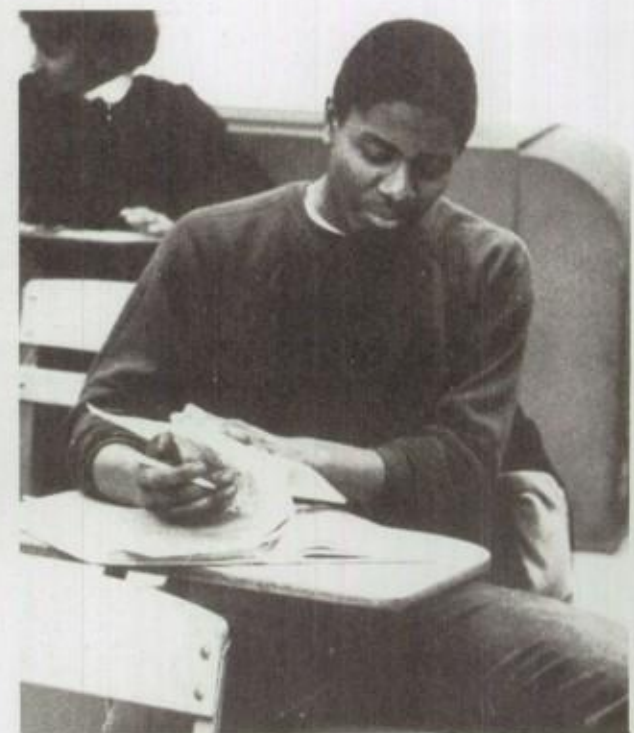
Freshmen have a chance to get very involved in school. They can take part in clubs and extra-curricular activities. Also in high school, the school day ends forty minutes earlier than in junior high, except for those who are involved in Rally or an after-school sport.

Most freshmen seemed to agree with Mike Davies, who said, "The change is very big because the pace is a lot faster and there are many more things happening, but it's fun." □



**Just Checking.** Dwana Gaines checks the board to make sure of her assignment, while Jesse Ingram completes his work.

**I Found It in Chapter Six.** Flipping through the pages, Alvin Grays tries to find a world geography assignment.





Martin Solinger Darin Stevens Angela Taylor	Elias Soliz Deann Stevens Lorie Taylor	Sammy Solorio Kathy Stinnett Shannan Taylor	Scott Spivak John Street Mario Tello	Dawn Sprague William Stroud Climmie Thomas	Deana Sprinkle Pam Sufi Leonard Thomas	Shane Stamm Terry Swiger Traci Thomas	De De Starkey Paul Tatum Chris Thompson
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# *MHS: the Heritage lives on in . . .*

**Running Out.** As Carlos Piñeda waits his turn, Todd Hunnicutt and Patrick Ketchum hurry to finish their parts in the Write-A-Thon before the one-hour count.

**Marching On.** Clarinette players Chris Beatty, Ginger Cagle and Gwen Dooley join a half-time performance.



**Courtyard Chatter.** Seniors Sam Cousins, Di-  
anne McHale, Mike Gon-  
calves, Victor Curci, Vince Fur-  
tado, Ron Dixon and Stefanie Wood  
exchange the usual lunchtime gossip on a  
sunny winter day.

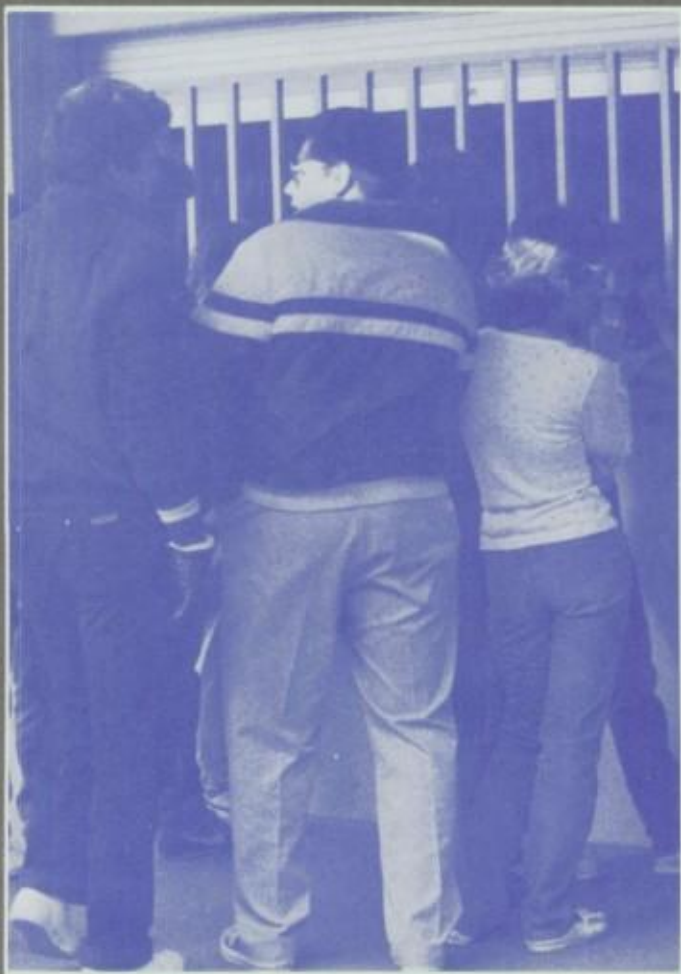




**Munchin' Out.** Senior football player Robert Berry prepares to take a big bite from the cake given to him by his secret pal.

**Is This Going to Take Long?** During lunch time students wait in line to buy some of the many items available in the Student Store.

**I Want Muscles!** Showing off her bulging biceps, Nanette Horney gets into the spirit of the 50s Rally.



# *the Completion*

by Butch Elinburg  
and Connie Dias

**A**s students approached the end of another school year, they reflected on their various experiences and accomplishments while at the same time planning for

the future. For the freshmen, it was a time to marvel on how much maturing they had done during the year. For seniors, it was a time for making decisions, from moving out on their own to making plans for college or finding a job. It was also a time to say good-bye to friends they might never see again as each went his separate way.

There were no centennial celebrations reminding them of MHS's heritage, yet students still felt proud to be a part of a school that has lasted for 101 years. Though rallies and dress-up days were fewer, spirit was bountiful as students displayed their pride at being a member of MHS.

Continuing important traditions while starting new ones was a large part of students' school lives. Yet adapting to change was an everyday occurrence which students easily learned. New friends were made while old friendships were sometimes broken as individuals grew apart because of changing interests or attitudes.

Responsibility was a big part of a student's life. Being on time to class, showing respect for teachers, and completing assignments by the due date were all part of the now famous "Fourth R" system in the Modesto City Schools. Hopefully, these traits will carry over into students' private lives after they leave MHS for the adult world.

For 101 years, MHS has given its students the best education possible. As new graduation requirements were implemented, MHS tried to continue that tradition while changing with the times. Though the campus expansion brought many changes, students and faculty alike adapted quickly, proving that Panthers can handle any situation.

The completion of another school year brought with it a time for reflecting on the good and bad times that had occurred. Plans that had been made at the beginning of the year were either completed as fond memories or forgotten as students found other things to occupy their time.

Always striving for excellence, MHS Panthers were all individuals while at the same time members of an elite group. Memories made here will last a lifetime and will be cherished as some of the best times of students' lives. As for Modesto High, the heritage will live on as long as there continue to be dedicated students, faculty, and administration—perhaps for another 100 years! □





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— Richard Lang  
MHS Principal

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Theodosia Parker  
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Sarah Gonzales  
Yolanda Hernandez  
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Orland Madrid  
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Iqbal Gill  
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Ruth Vera  
Yolanda Vera  
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## Opinion Poll

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1. After graduation, what are your future plans?

A. college	58.3%
B. vocational school	3%
C. full-time job	12%
D. military	7.4%
E. undecided	11%
F. other	8.3%

2. If you are continuing your education, what will be your major subject?

A. business	21%
B. undecided	19%
C. math/science	11%
D. computers	10%
E. medicine	7%
F. law/politics	6%
G. other	26%

3. What influenced your decision?

I have worked in retail for almost two years, and I'm very interested in continuing in fashion merchandising.

—Lori Thomas

There is an increased need for business people. The business industry is rapidly growing.

—Robert Estrada

I love animals, and I would like to help them by becoming a veterinarian.

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## Opinion Poll

• Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a

cross section of the MHS student body.

1. How often do you go out to eat?
 

A. almost never	25%
B. 1 - 5 times a week	69%
C. 6 - 10 times a week	4%
D. more than 10 times a week	2%

2. When do you go out to eat most often?

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| A. breakfast | 1%  |
| B. lunch     | 41% |
| C. dinner    | 58% |

3. What types of food do you like the best?

- |                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| A. fast food (burgers, fries) | 31% |
| B. Mexican (tacos, burritos)  | 20% |
| C. Italian (pizza, spaghetti) | 27% |
| D. soul                       | 3%  |
| E. American dinners           | 12% |
| F. Chinese, Oriental          | 7%  |

4. Why do you choose certain restaurants or food service locations?

I'm on the go a lot and I don't have time to fix dinner.

—Melissa Jones

Restaurants give you better quality and better food nutritionally.

—Mona Simmons

I enjoy eating out with the company of a friend.

—Maria Mayer

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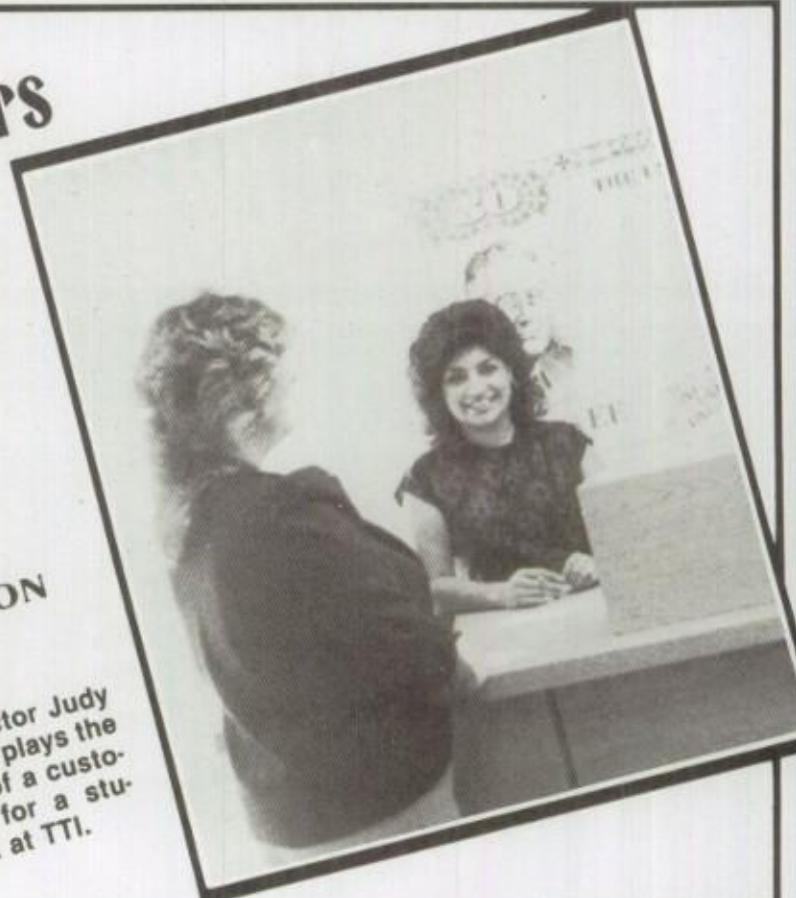
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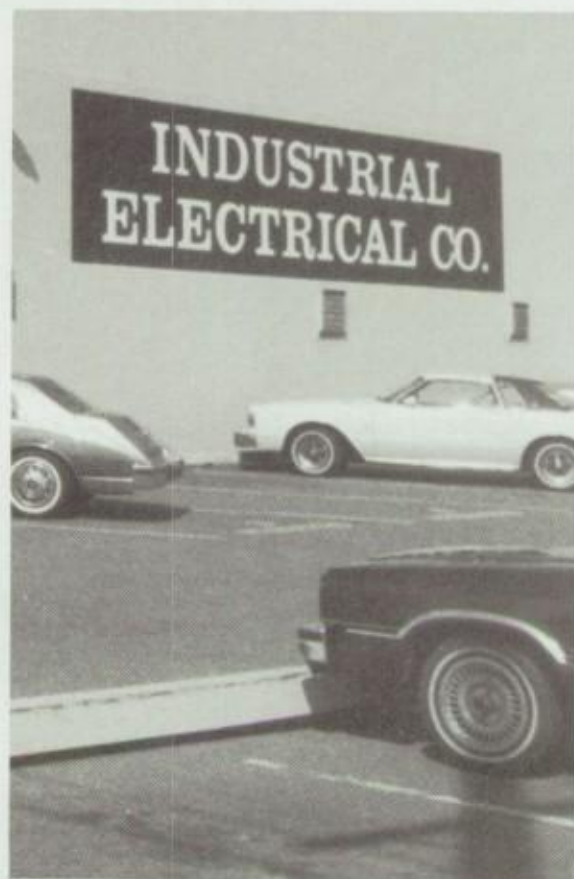
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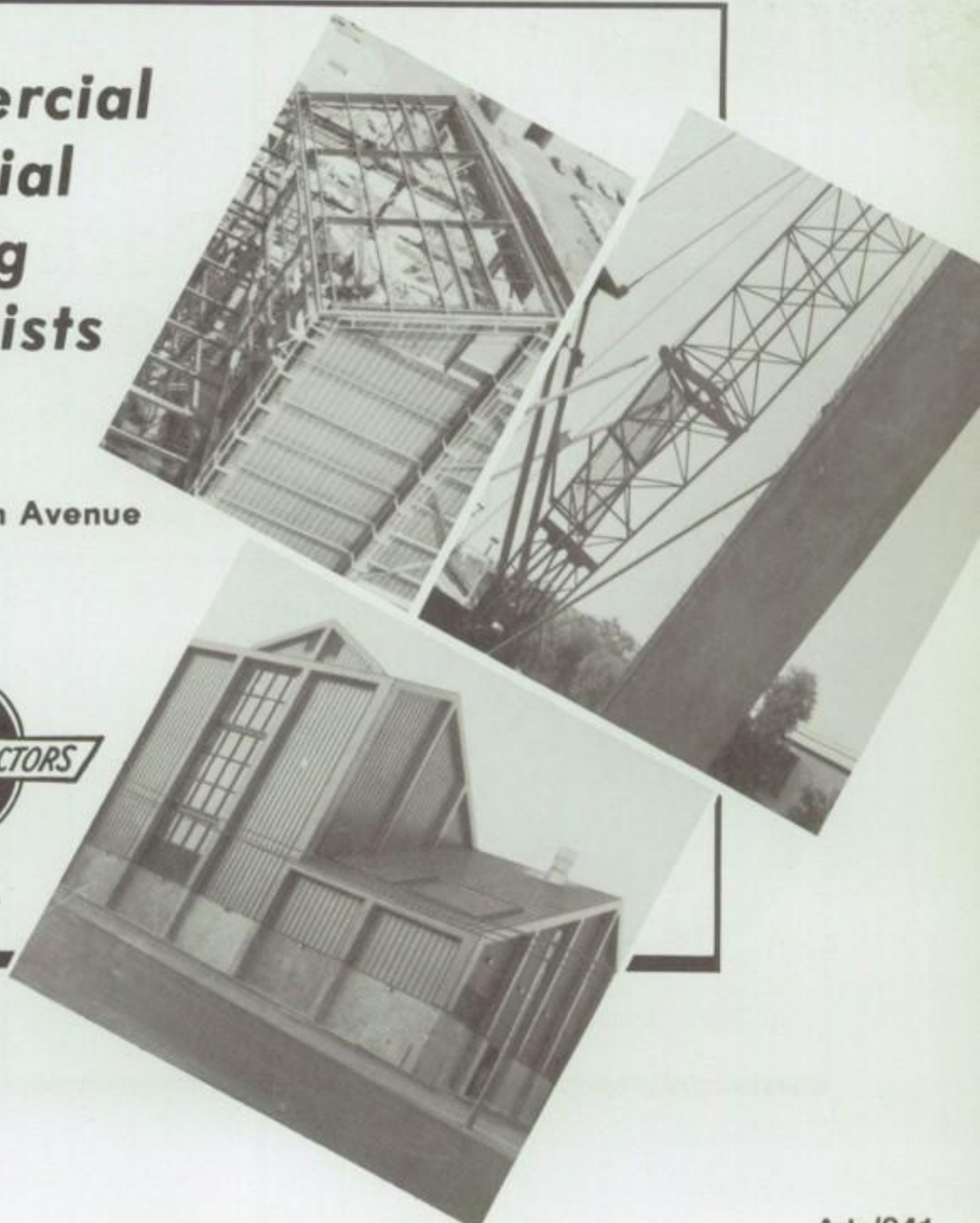
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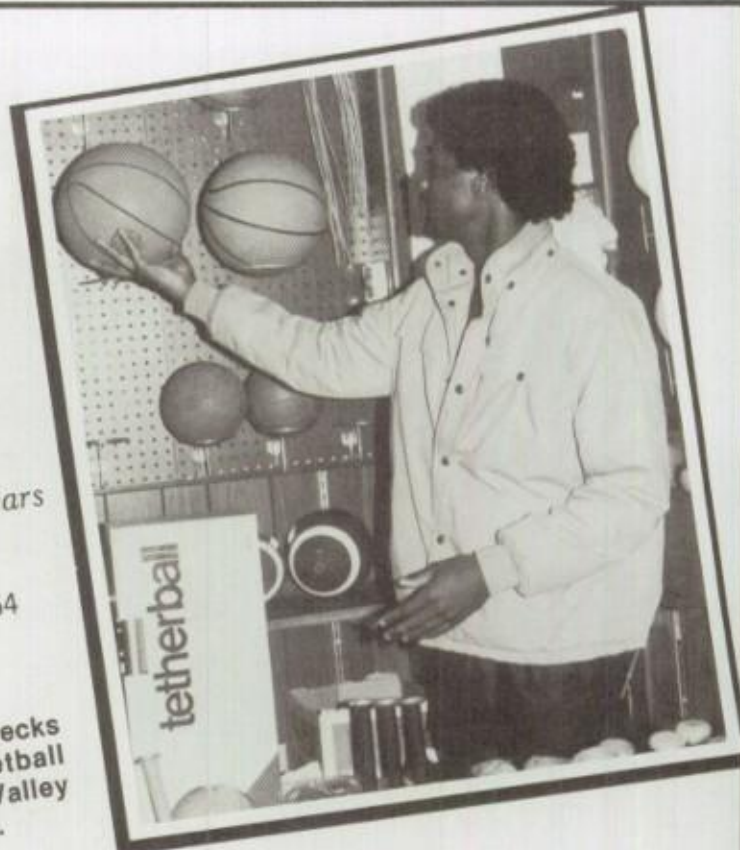


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1. What types of movies do you enjoy seeing?

A. western	6%
B. comedy	40%
C. romance	15%
D. horror	24%
E. true-to-life	13%
F. political	2%

2. Do you enjoy video games?

A. yes	82%
B. no	18%

3. If yes, where do you spend most of your time playing them?

A. home set	35%
B. friend's set	6%
C. arcade	59%

4. What is your thought on cruising McHenry?

A. I like it!	29%
B. OK sometimes	54%
C. I don't like it	17%

5. Should guys pay the girl's way on a date?

A. always	48%
B. usually	46%
C. 'Dutch' treat!	6%

6. What are your favorite ways to have fun?

Spending the day at the beach.  
—David Johansen

Spending time with my boyfriend and friends.  
—Amanda Gutierrez

Bull riding while listening to Hank Jr.  
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—Daizy Grewal



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## Opinion Poll

• Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. What type of clothing do you usually wear to school?

- |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| A. casual          | 51% |
| B. dressy          | 8%  |
| C. jeans & T shirt | 23% |
| D. new wave        | 9%  |
| E. preppy          | 9%  |

2. What type of shoes do you usually wear to school?

- |                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| A. tennis shoes | 43% |
| B. cowboy boots | 6%  |
| C. hiking boots | 1%  |
| D. casual       | 28% |
| E. dressy       | 9%  |
| F. other        | 13% |

3. How do you decide what clothes to buy?

- |                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| A. personal choice         | 74% |
| B. popular styles          | 19% |
| C. friends' advice         | 5%  |
| C. ads on TV, in magazines | 2%  |

4. Why do you wear these kinds of clothes?

I try to look my best all the time.  
—Susie Beckwith

Because I like the way they look and they are comfortable.  
—Erica Toso

I don't like to look like everyone else.  
—Sandra Contreras

I like to look good and impress the females.  
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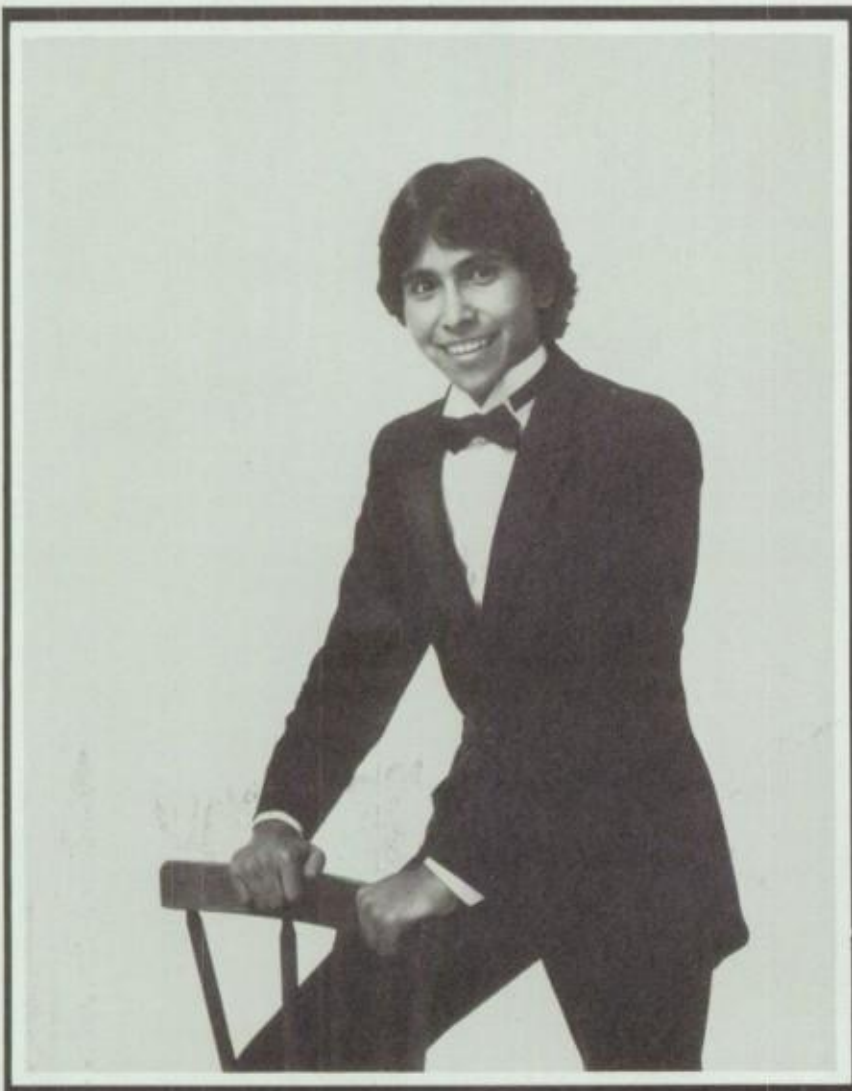
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## Opinion Poll

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1. How do you spend your time when you're not in school?

- |                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| A. with friends              | 26%   |
| B. sports, school activities | 14%   |
| C. job                       | 11%   |
| D. TV, entertainment         | 11%   |
| E. hobbies                   | 11.5% |
| F. homework                  | 15%   |
| G. talk on phone             | 11.5% |

2. How would you like to spend your time when not in school?

- |                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| A. with friends              | 26%   |
| B. sports, school activities | 13.5% |
| C. job                       | 13.5% |
| D. TV, entertainment         | 8%    |
| E. hobbies                   | 7.5%  |
| F. homework                  | 2%    |
| G. talk on phone             | 6.5%  |
| H. parties                   | 23%   |

3. Where do you like to go out?

- |                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| A. movies      | 57% |
| B. restaurants | 12% |
| C. parties     | 10% |
| C. informal    | 21% |

4. How do you use your free time?  
I usually make my own cassettes of my favorite music.

—Charles Clem

I spend my time on how I feel it will benefit me and how much partying I plan to do.

—Lonnie Anderson

Going out is fun and it doesn't bore you.

—Yolanda Madrigal

I play guitar and sing.

—Kelly Davis

I try to play as much soccer as I can.

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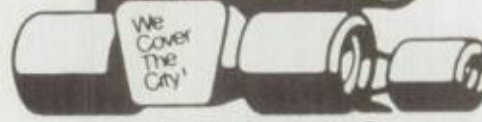


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• Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a

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- How do you get to school?
 

A. walk	13.5%
B. ride a bike	2%
C. drive or get a ride	56.5%
D. take the bus	28%
- How would you prefer to get to school?
 

A. walk	7%
B. ride a bike	2%
C. drive or get a ride	88%
D. take the bus	3%
- Approximately how much do you spend on gas in a week?
 

A. \$15 or more	11.5%
B. \$10 — \$14	27.5%
C. \$5 — \$9	32%
D. \$4 or less	29%
- How do you service your car?
 

A. professional services	32.3%
B. get a friend to help	33.3%
C. your own labor	34.4%
- How are current gas prices affecting you?

It's terrible. All my gas is used to get to school. The tank is usually empty by the time the weekend comes.

—Karen Whitaker

They don't bother me because I use my dad's credit card.

—Jacinta Lee

6. What do you think of the transportation fee?

It stinks, because every three weeks I have to spend \$10 for forty bus tickets.

—Michael Patch

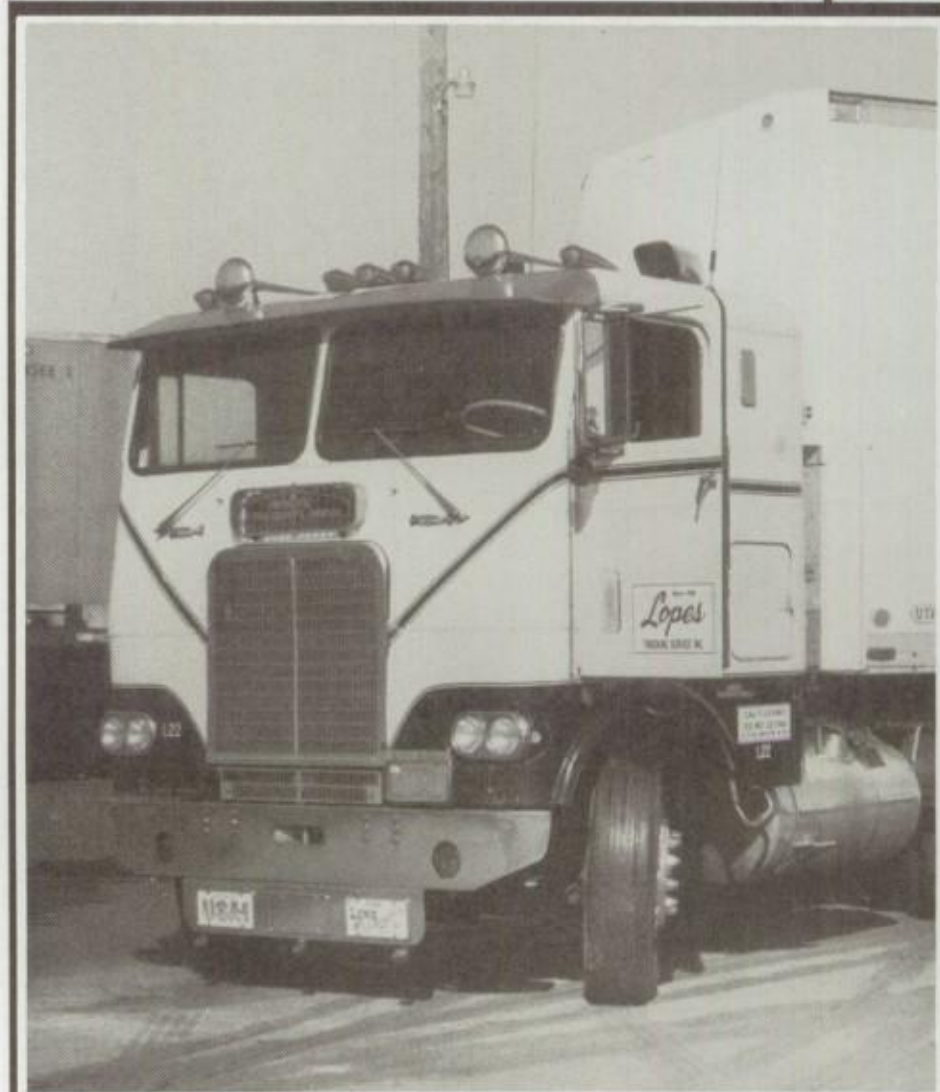
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## Opinion Poll

• Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a

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1. What is your favorite subject in school?

A. sciences	11%
B. social sciences	4%
C. mathematics	21%
D. vocational classes	18.5%
E. English	19%
F. arts	11.5%
G. other	15%

(PE, computers, & foreign languages were mentioned)

2. How do you feel about the new graduation requirements?

A. a good thing	45%
B. doesn't matter	33%
C. a waste of time	10%
D. stupid	12%

3. Which course has been most valuable to you in high school?

Spanish, because I work at Doctor's Hospital and I'm able to speak to Spanish patients.

—Kim Lemonds

American History. I never really knew Americans have been through so much to make our country what it is today.

—Mona Simmons

Health. It has taught me first aid in case of emergencies, and me more about my body (physically and mentally).

—Eric Grimes

The computer class, because the world revolves around computers and this class should come in handy the rest of my life.

—Tammy Williams

Band because I have to be responsible for a lot of things. As a percussion player I have to have good concentration.

—Ray Cox

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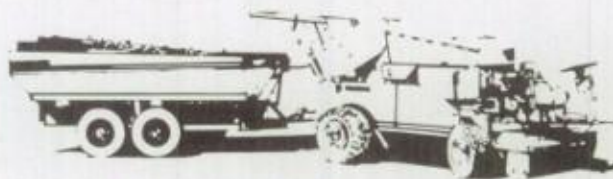
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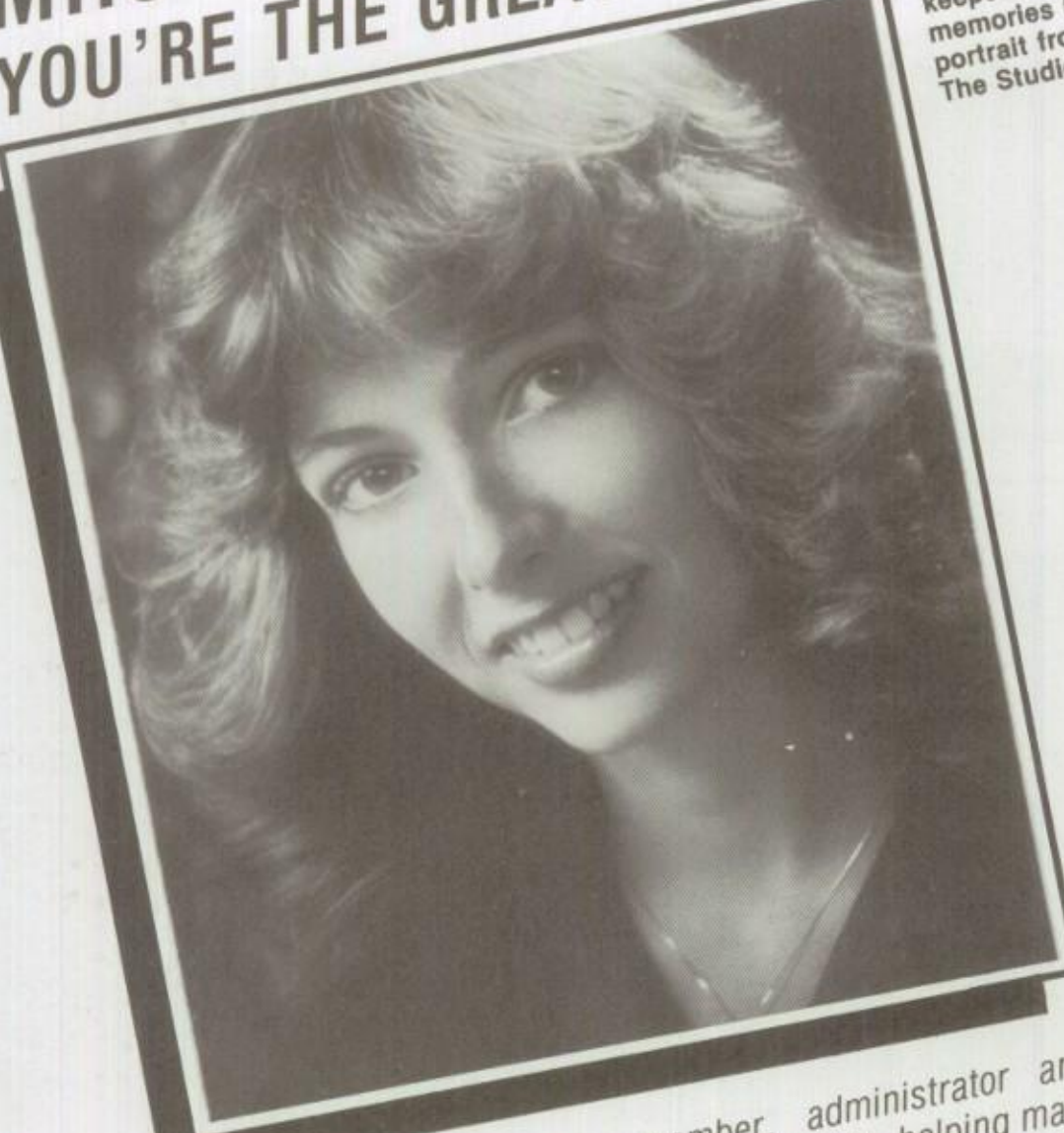
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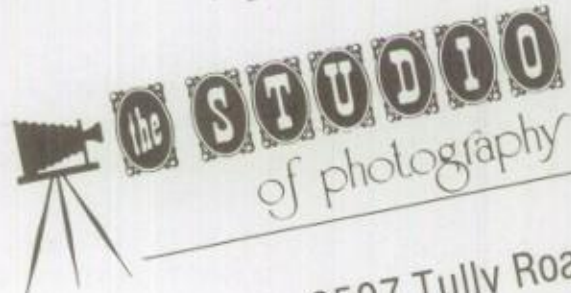
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## Colophon

**F**aced with the unenviable task of continuing the traditions of a 101-year-old school, members of the 1984 **Sycamore** staff chose "The Heritage Lives On" as an appropriate theme to combine elements of the past with what is new.

Pledged to faithfully meeting deadlines and staying within the budget, the 42 staff members struggled valiantly to develop new ideas while preserving their heritage of excellence. They achieved that final success on April 9 despite the lack of a company representative from November to March.

The 800 copies of **Sycamore 84** were printed by the Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, Texas, with advice during the winter months from regional manager Dick LoPachin, and in March and April from sales representative James Jeter.

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# Where the Heritage Lives On!

Books were sold as part of the pre-school Student Body Package, with the regular sale in October at \$20 each. Ad sales were sluggish, but picked up in February and March, with the staff completing its goal of \$7,000.

The 272 pages were printed on 80 lb. gloss enamel paper. Body copy used throughout was 10 pt. Helios, except the opening and spirit sections in 9 pt., and the division pages in 12 pt. Captions were in 8 pt. Helios, with lead-in impact phrases (a new style for MHS) in Helios Extrabold.

Opening with color coverage of centennial activities which occurred in the spring of 1933, the staff developed a feeling for the heritage which MHS imparts, and continued that concept throughout the five major sections. Headlines in the opening and closing sections were 42 pt. Max Bold. Division pages

and student life used Helios Bold Condensed Italic at 84 pt. and 48 pt. with 102 pt. lead-in initials. Three-column layout with tinted backgrounds predominated.

The third section covered both spirit and sports. Spirit pages used Dom Diagonal Bold at 48 pt. with a lead-in initial at 180 pt.; the sports section used Gill Sans Ultrabold at 30 pt. with a lead-in initial at 84 pt. Both used a 4-column layout. The fourth section covered clubs and academics, and used McCullough at 36 pt. with kicker phrases at 12 pt. in a special 4-column design in which the outside column was only 8 picas wide. The portrait section used Serif Gothic Heavy at 30 pt. The "profiles" of previous years were abandoned in favor of "features" on topics not included in the student life section.

The final section was completely re-

designed. After using the same basic style for eight years, the staff adopted a "new look" in the presentation of its advertising. Drawing inspiration from magazines such as **Santa Barbara** and **San Francisco Focus**, a sample set of 8 pages was prepared, from which ideas flowed for the 24 pages of ads. The index section was designed in five-column style, in an effort to better utilize the available space.

Layout styles were designed by production manager Joe Gallardo and the advisor, with individual spreads drawn by a layout staff meeting separately from the regular staff.

Color photography was provided by Jake Weston, Robert Berry, Stephanie Heersink, Wayne Elam, Joe Gallardo, and Dennie Farris of the Studio of Photography. The Studio also provided the portraits, club groups, and a few of the other difficult shots. Approximately 13,000 black and white Tri-X exposures were made for the nearly 1,000 candid photos used in this book.

—JS



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Lisa Flores, Sherri Robinson and Erica Toso raise money for the band and orchestra by participating in the annual walk-a-thon.



**Still the One!** Pauline Anaya, Kelly Davis, Jerry Rocha and Jerry Miller blend in with the crowd as

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 Jaime Magaña and Ro  
 Wheeler soak up the su  
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 keeps everything under co  
 trol.

**Hay is for Horses.** During FFA Week, a crowd of Aggies gathers in the courtyard to watch Kenny Leer and Chuck Meyer compete

in the hay-bucking contest.

**Let's Jam.** Claudia Gonzales and Leah Valenzuela head for home after a long day at school.



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**Time for a Quick Snooze.** Mr. Art Barba catches a few z's during the Centennial Picnic in the Park.

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**Mourning His Death.** Charlotte Parker glances over the news coverage of the funeral of USSR Premier Yuri Andropov.

**Up, Up, and Away.** The first "human satellite" floats away from the space shuttle Challenger.

**Running Wild.** The Oakland Raiders' Marcus Allen maneuvers out the Washington Redskins in their Superbowl victory.

**He's a Thriller.** Michael Jackson stunned the music industry by winning eight Grammy Awards, establishing himself as the King of Pop.



## *Year of Firsts, violence, breakups*

by Connie Dies,  
Kashmir Gill and Sean Wani

**T**he international scene was full of much violence and bloodshed, and the Soviets constantly seemed to be in the news. On September 1, 1983, a Soviet fighter plane shot down an unarmed Korean Boeing 747 near the Soviet island of Sakhalin, just north of Japan. The plane was enroute from Anchorage, Alaska to Seoul, Korea. Two-hundred sixty-nine people, including American Congressman Paul McDonald, died because the airliner unintentionally entered Soviet airspace. In the ensuing controversy, the Soviets at first denied responsibility, and then claimed to have mistaken the jetliner for a military aircraft. Worldwide opinion was universally condemnatory and gave the US credibility in its drive for a missile buildup in western Europe.

A Soviet submarine struck the US aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk in the Sea of Japan on March 22, again as an "accident." Ending months of speculation, Yuri Andropov, leader of

the USSR, died February 9 of kidney failure at the age of 69. The ailing Andropov had not been seen in public for the six months that preceded his death. Along with President Reagan, he was named Time's "Man of the Year." His successor is Konstantin Chernenko, age 72. Chernenko is the oldest man in Soviet history to take over leadership of the Communist Party.

After a 17-month stay, US Marines in Beirut finally pulled out on February 26th. A total of 265 American lives were lost in what was supposedly a peacekeeping mission.

On the more peaceful side, Lech Walesa, founder of Poland's outlawed solidarity labor movement, won the Nobel Peace Prize. A record number of Americans also won Nobel Prizes for outstanding achievement in their own fields.

At the XIV Winter Olympics held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, the US team won a total of eight medals; four of them were gold. Bill Johnson won his gold in downhill skiing, becoming the

first American to win a gold medal in that event. Twins Phil and Steve Mahre ended the Olympics triumphantly by winning the gold and silver medals, respectively, in the men's slalom.

On the national level, the two space shuttle missions that went into space were firsts of their kind; one included the first American woman in space while the other held the first black astronaut.

Miss New York, Vanessa Williams, was crowned Miss America for 1983. She became the first black woman to win the title in the 62-year history of the pageant.

In October, a new national holiday was approved in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, the slain civil rights leader, thus becoming the tenth annual holiday observed by the federal government. It will be observed on the third Monday in January, beginning in 1986.

Eight Democratic candidates started out in the beginning of the presidential campaign, announcing





**Keeping Up With the Times.** Magazines played an important role through their news reporting.

**What a Sight!** Debbie Rios is fascinated by the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.



**Freedom Fighters?** The role of the US marines in Lebanon as peace keepers was questioned throughout the world.

their candidacies throughout the summer and fall with varying degrees of fanfare. By the end of March, only three remained: Gary Hart, Jesse Jackson and Walter Mondale, who had the most delegates. Among the casualties of the race were Senator John Glenn of Ohio, the first American in space, and California's senior Senator Alan Cranston.

Although political poll-takers had forecast early in the race that Mondale would easily win, Hart surprised everyone by winning big in New Hampshire. He went on to victory in other New England states and made respectable showings elsewhere. Jackson, the first black candidate to campaign for the presidential nomination of one of the major parties, won national support early in January by securing the release of Lt. Robert Goodman, an American flyer shot down over Syria and held prisoner for 32 days. Jackson later got into trouble with Jews and other groups by some careless ethnic remarks.

Winter weather was again a threat

to much of the country, with blizzards reported at one time or another from Colorado to Maine. A terrible spring storm killed more than 84 people in the East at the end of March. In the Carolinas, a series of tornadoes killed 61 people. More than 1,000 people were injured and over 2,500 were left homeless.

The January 1 breakup of giant AT&T (affectionately known as Ma Bell) set the stage for a telecommunications rate increase. Millions of phone users were affected as local companies took over and set their own rates, causing confusion over how much to pay and to whom. In addition, several private companies went into the long-distance telephone business, and dozens of manufacturers offered telephones for sale, some for less than \$10.

The eleventh flight of a space shuttle in early April saw the highest shuttle orbit ever—up to 290 miles above the earth. The Challenger went up to track down the crippled Solar Max

sun watching satellite. The crew went up in an attempt to retrieve, repair and redeploy the spacecraft; however, the maneuver failed.

Girl Scout Cookie sales suffered greatly because of reports of pins, needles, paper clips and ground glass found in boxes in 17 states. The FBI finally joined the Food and Drug Administration investigation in an effort to stop whoever is behind these acts of malicious vandalism. □



**All Shook Up.** The Coalinga earthquake was a major setback for many homeowners in the area.



## Population, education standards up

by Connie Dias, Michelle Azevedo and Dianne McHale

**P**aced by rapid growth in the valley and foothill counties of northern California, the state's population passed the 25-million mark last year. On April 7 the Census Bureau released new estimates which ranked Los Angeles as the nation's second-largest city, edging out Chicago by 25,092.

Weather conditions were much improved, as the rainfall level dropped below that of the previous two years. Instead of rain, another force of nature caused devastating damage, however. On May 2, 1983, an earthquake registering 6.5 on the Richter scale destroyed 8 downtown blocks, left hundreds homeless and injured 45 people in the small town of Coalinga, less than 90 miles from Modesto. Another quake hit Coalinga on June 10, this time registering 4.2 on the scale. Aftershocks from this quake destroyed a house, shifted mobile homes and chopped through roads.

On May 31, San Francisco's Board

of Supervisors gave their final approval to a hotly-debated ordinance which would segregate smokers and non-smokers in private and city work places or ban smoking altogether. It was one of the toughest and most far-reaching anti-smoking measures in the nation. It carried a \$500-a-day fine for failure to comply.

People opposed to the handgun initiative, which did not pass, and those against gay rights tried to have S.F. Mayor Feinstein removed from office in a recall election in November, 1983. They did not succeed, and she was re-elected.

In January, a widespread AIDS scare affected blood banks throughout the state. Several hundred people have died throughout the nation from this disease, which is most severe in San Francisco and New York City. AIDS attacks its victims by knocking out their immune systems, leaving them defenseless against infection. So far, there is no known cure for this fatal disease. In March, two blood donors were found to have

AIDS, and because of this, several people contracted the disease from blood transfusions. Now, every donor is carefully screened in order to prevent this from happening again.

Millions of power customers across California and six other states were blacked out on the evening of February 29th. Cause of the failure was attributed to a relay box which malfunctioned on a major transmission line in California.

Protests were heard against the building of more nuclear reactors after the Rancho Seco reactor breakdown. The reactor was closed all winter for repairs. It finally reopened in March, only to break down again.

In a state-wide California Survey completed the first week of February, the two issues ranking highest in public concern were crime and law enforcement, and schools and education. A relatively new issue, toxic waste, emerged as another highly ranked state concern, on a par with the long-standing air and water pollution problems. While cost of liv-



**Demand for Equality.** An important issue in 1984 was the demand by gay people for equal rights.

**A Tragic Ending.** The shooting death of Marvin Gaye saddened many fans like Melinda Lee, who reads gets the details in the morning news.

**Getting Tougher.** Denise Ingram and Lisa Negele discuss the newly-implemented graduation requirements with Mr. Lang.



ing/inflation still concerned many state residents, it was not as high ranking a problem as it had been a few years ago.

A bill that would have prohibited job discrimination against homosexuals was vetoed on March 13 by Governor Deukmejian, after some of the heaviest lobbying ever seen in the state. Both pro- and anti-gay advocates set off a wave of protesting which lasted for several weeks. If passed, the bill would have prevented discrimination against gays by firms with at least five employees.

Psychiatric tests were ordered for Rev. Marvin Gaye, Sr. to determine whether he was fit to stand trial for the murder of his son. Marvin Gaye, rhythm and blues singer, was shot to death during a family argument on April 1. His comeback hit "Sexual Healing" topped the charts last year and won a Grammy.

Education was a major topic as reforms begun last year continued. The Senate Education Reform Bill mandated many things, including a

school year with no less than 180 days, and an increase of 45 minutes of class time per day over the next three years. Also, in order to be counted as a student for ADA imbursement, a person must be enrolled in five classes per day.

Starting with the Class of '87, graduation requirements are also tougher. In order to graduate, a student must pass three years of English, two years of math, two years of laboratory science and show computer proficiency. The Modesto City School Board also increased the

**It's for a Good Cause.** Due to the AIDS scare, the number of blood donors has dropped. Keith Waters does his part by giving a pint of blood.

**Man for Man.** Anthony Matthews, using his long arms to distract his opponent, prevents the ball from being thrown in.

number of credits required to 220 and imposed a series of 21 "proficiency exams" which must be passed before graduation.

After a prolonged struggle during which the legislature and the governor were at odds, community colleges were forced to implement a \$50 tuition charge because they received severely insufficient state funds with which to operate. Imposing tuition was the only way the governor would agree to a modest increase in funding for the colleges, which came too late to be of benefit for the 1983-84 school year. Thus ended California's famous "free college" system, still embroiled in a bitter battle over finances. □



**Open House.** A majestic landmark, the McHenry Mansion, opens to the public.

**Great Job, Panthers!** J.S. West joins the community in celebrating the state basketball victory of MHS.



**A New Look.** Harry Hettiga and Richard Garrett enthusiastically plant roses for the beautification of the newly acquired MHS North Campus.



## Improvements projected by council

by Connie Dias,  
Ron Lopes and Kim James

It was a year for changes, some for the best, others unavoidable. Unemployment in Stanislaus County was again the highest in the Valley. Plant closures and end-of-winter sluggishness were cited as major factors in the continuing high unemployment, which reached the second highest level in the nation in January.

On July 24, the FMC Corporation announced it would close its barium and strontium processing plant in Modesto. In operation since 1948, the plant employed 132 people. Increased foreign competition and shrinking domestic markets were blamed. Although the plant pledged to help its employees find new jobs, their layoffs came at a time of heavy unemployment.

The Fourth of July Picnic in the Park was held at Graceada Park instead of Tuolumne Regional Park because of flooding. Although controversial, the City Council decided to allow country and rock and roll bands

to play. The decision caused an outcry from residents who live in the Graceada and Enslen Parks vicinity, but was popular with much of the Picnic-attending crowd.

The loss of Assemblyman John Thurman was felt by everyone. His death occurred on July 27 at his Coffee Road office where he had a massive heart attack. He served in Sacramento from 1972 to 1982, and was a Stanislaus County Supervisor from 1970 to 1972. Throughout the county flags flew at half-mast in his honor. More than 600 mourners attended his final rites. In September, the Modesto City Council voted unanimously to re-name the city's baseball park, formerly Del Webb Field, John Thurman Field.

The councils' city sign ordinance caused much trouble for area businesses. In September, many claimed that the economy had not improved enough to enable businesses to pay for new signs that met the city's 12-year-old ordinance and requested another extension. In January

the council denied "final requests" from three businesses, and the signs finally came down.

Transportation was a major local issue as gasoline prices dropped below the one dollar-a-gallon barrier on October 12 for the first time since spring. However, the drop didn't cause any lines at the pumps. Station operators blamed joblessness for the falling demand. Modesto's expanded bus service began December 1, bringing uniform 30-minute service to riders throughout the city. The riders shared the increased cost by paying higher fees, ranging from 50 cents for regular riders to 25 cents for the elderly. In October, Modesto became the first city in the nation with its own wastewater-to-fuel production plant. Eighty of a projected 200 city-owned vehicles were fueled by the methane gas produced at the Sutter Avenue treatment plant.

Modesto's stately McHenry Mansion came back to life and was opened to the public on December 17, after an extensive restoration project had



**Almost Done.** Workmen place finishing touches on the landscaping of Modesto High's new parking lot.



**Unemployment on the Rise.** The FMC plant closes, displacing 132 workers.

**\$1,000,000 Loss!** A disastrous fire demolishes P.V. Ranch and Home Supply store, causing over a million dollars in damage.



completed remodeling work on the first floor.

In mid-December a man who said he was traveling to the Oregon-Washington area asked a local woman he had met two days previously on a bus coming across the country to care for his baby girl until he could return for her. After several days passed with no word from the father, the woman called the police department and the baby was turned over to Stanislaus County. Nicknamed Baby Michelle, she was placed in a foster home; if not claimed within six months, she will be available for adoption.

Modesto's long-awaited downtown center finally received approval from the City Council. The city could now

begin construction of the \$9.5 million Agri-Trade and Community Center whether or not a hotel developer was found. Actual construction was expected to begin within a year.

Fires caused a huge amount of damages. The **Manteca Bulletin** in nearby San Joaquin County suffered two suspicious fires in two months. Despite the \$345,000 damage, the **Bulletin** was published as usual. Fire destroyed more than one million dollars worth of merchandise at the PV Ranch and Home Store in south Modesto on March 29. Fire investigators said the fire apparently started in the store's auto supply and farm implement section. The \$250,000 building was also termed a total loss.

More than 4,000 people affected

tionately referred to as The Red Wave left Modesto on March 17 for Oakland to attend the State Division II Championship Game. One whole section of the huge coliseum was completely red as the local fans gave visual and vocal support to the MHS basketball team. Although much of the game was close, they were not disappointed, as the Panthers brought home the first-ever state championship for the city of Modesto.

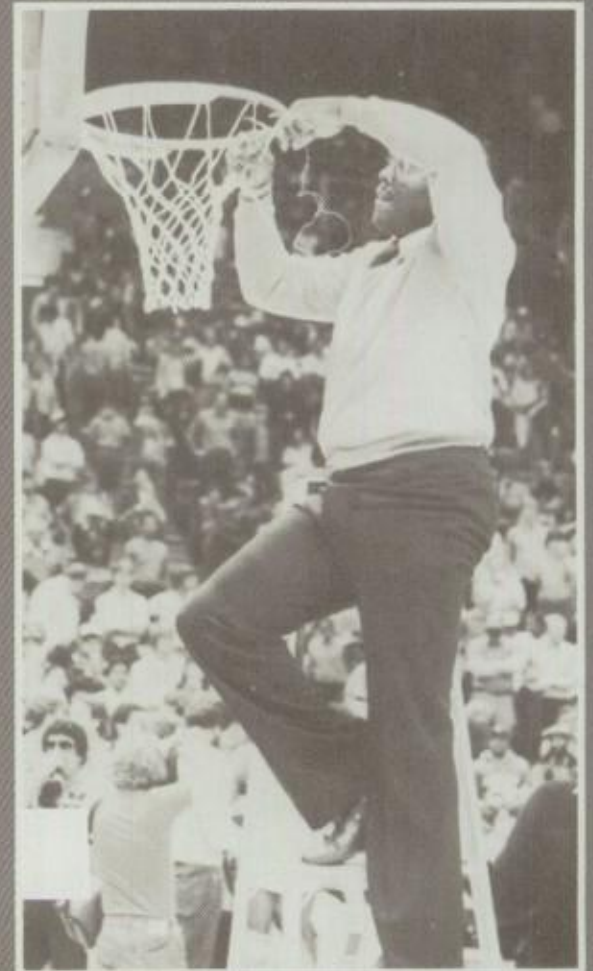
After seven years on the Modesto City Schools Board of Education, Dr. Alan Vincent was unanimously elected in April to serve as board president for ten months. Vincent is a Modesto dentist and a 1953 graduate of MHS. He replaced two-time president Steven Grenbeaux. Vincent served three stints as vice president, but for various reasons, including behind-the-scenes lobbying, he was always passed over, even though the position often goes to the preceding year's v.p. Grenbeaux remarked that "the Board has learned to disagree without being disagreeable." □



**Congratulations!** After four long years, the final reward is the diploma in hand.

**It's All Over.** For the last time, seniors pass through the doors of MHS.

**Sweet Victory.** After the championship win at the Oakland Coliseum, assistant coach Jim Thrasher proudly cuts down the victory net.



## Time to say Goodbye

**A**nother year gone by: another set of finals taken, another sports season played and another school year recorded as MHS history in the pages of **Sycamore 84**.

Seniors' high school days were finally over. After four seemingly never-ending years of hard work, they were set free to begin careers, marriages, or college educations — whatever they chose. Yet the memories lingered on...

The 1984 year was one of rare accomplishments. For the first time in years, students, staff, alumni and citizens of the community joined together in pride and excitement as the Boys Varsity Basketball Team brought home the State Championship. Never before had such an honor been garnered by the MHS student body.

Academic achievements were also outstanding, with four seniors earning perfect 4.0 GPAs for all four years, and two more with only a "B" in their

freshman year. Two Panthers won the Bank of America zone competition for the first time ever, and another senior earned a scholarship to West Point. And Modesto High was nominated as an outstanding high school in the National Secondary School Recognition Program for its combination of spirit, athletics, and academic achievements.

As in the past, apathy and indifference were in evidence, although they were not prevalent. Instead, the mood was one of spirited optimism. Although a few students were plagued with problems of late homework, tardies, and even truancy, most found themselves working together to "make the grade" and form a bond of unity.

Enrollment increased to 1700 students as the Washington campus was finally put to use to meet the needs of the growing student body. In March, the Board of Education agreed to a boundary change which will bring additional students to MHS beginning next fall.

As books were returned to the library shelves and the doors of MHS closed for the last time, students headed for the beach, amusement parks, picnics and slumber parties to celebrate the start of summer. The long wait was over; the 1984 school year was history.

Underclassmen faced another year in the fall, but for seniors the last day had come and with diploma in hand they were on their own to face the reality of the fast-paced world.

Although these times will never come again, through the memories sketched in **Sycamore 84**, The Heritage Lives On! □

*Sabrina D. Jarvis*









Jimmy,  
you're a super  
person with  
an excellent taste  
in clothes. I think you  
better give Dave some hope  
to see you in style (Ha) Maybe  
we can all get together in a  
party!!!  
Have a good one.  
Bluford  
84"

# **MHS: the Heritage**

Too Jimmy  
A very funny +  
sweet guy. I hope  
I see you next year.  
Have fun this summer.  
And call me sometimes OK.  
Your  
friend  
Always  
Tina  
Mariano



JIMMY - HEY GUY, WERE GOING TO  
HAFTA DO SOME SERIOUS PARTYING  
THIS SUMMER. I DO MEAN PARTYING  
WEVE HAD A KILLER YEAR  
AND NEXT YEAR GOING TO BE  
EVEN MORE KILLER. STAY OUT  
OF TROUBLE.

DAVE DUNKIN

***lives on . . .***



